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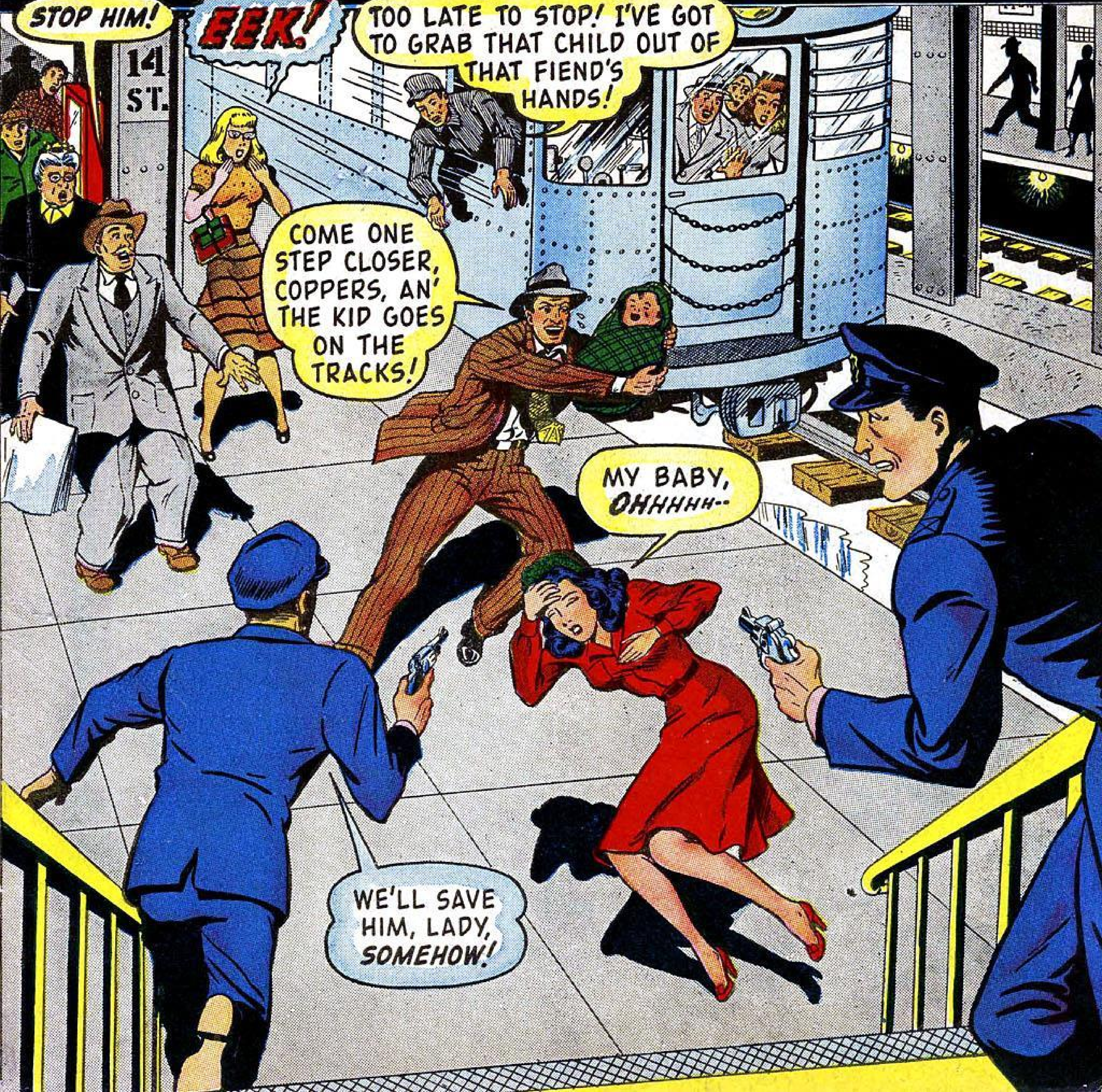
STOP HIM!
EEK!
14 ST.
TOO LATE TO STOP! I'VE GOT TO GRAB THAT CHILD OUT OF THAT FIEND'S HANDS!
COME ONE STEP CLOSER, COPPERS, AN' THE KID GOES ON THE TRACKS!
MY BABY, OHHHHH--
WE'LL SAVE HIM, LADY, SOMEHOW!

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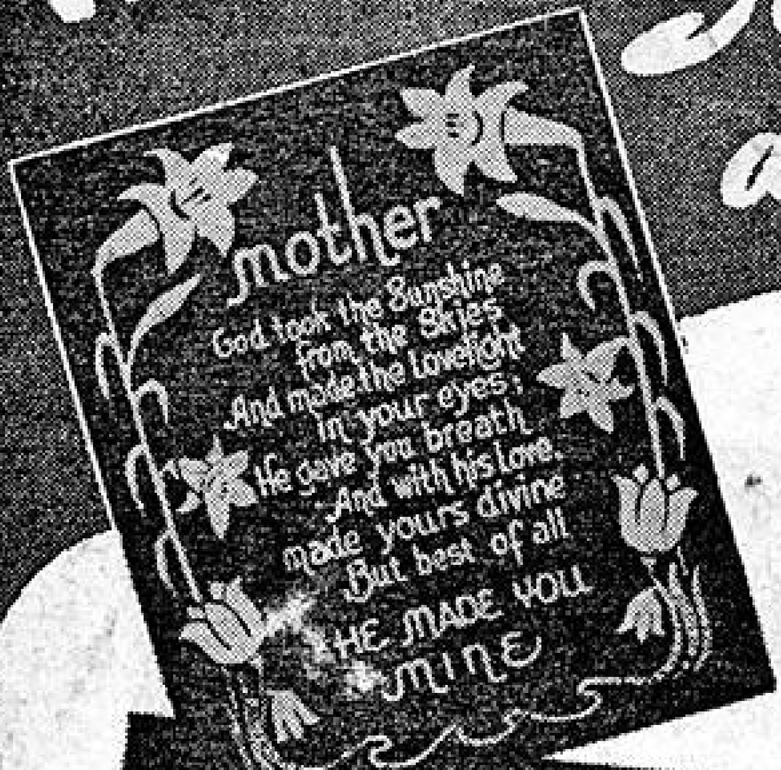
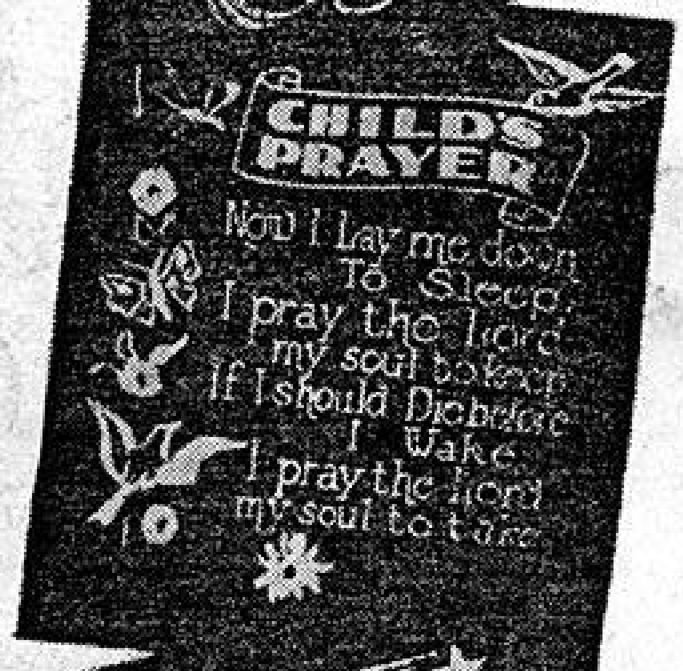

mother
God took the Sunshine
from the Skies
And made the lovelight
in your eyes:
He gave you breath
And with his love,
made yours divine
But best of all
HE MADE YOU
MINE


CHILD'S PRAYER
Now I lay me down
To Sleep,
I pray the Lord
my soul to keep
If I should Die before
I Wake
I pray the Lord
my soul to take

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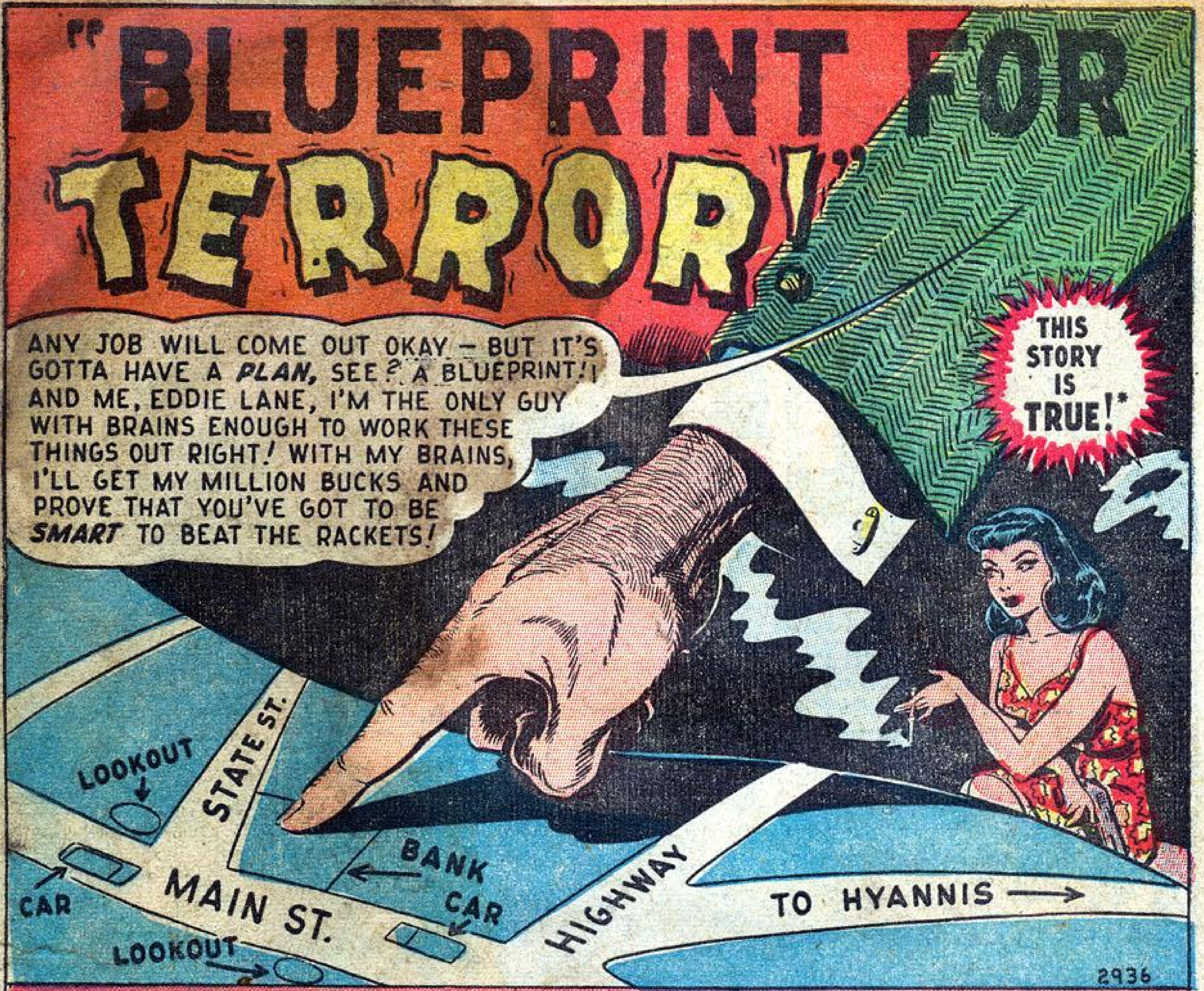
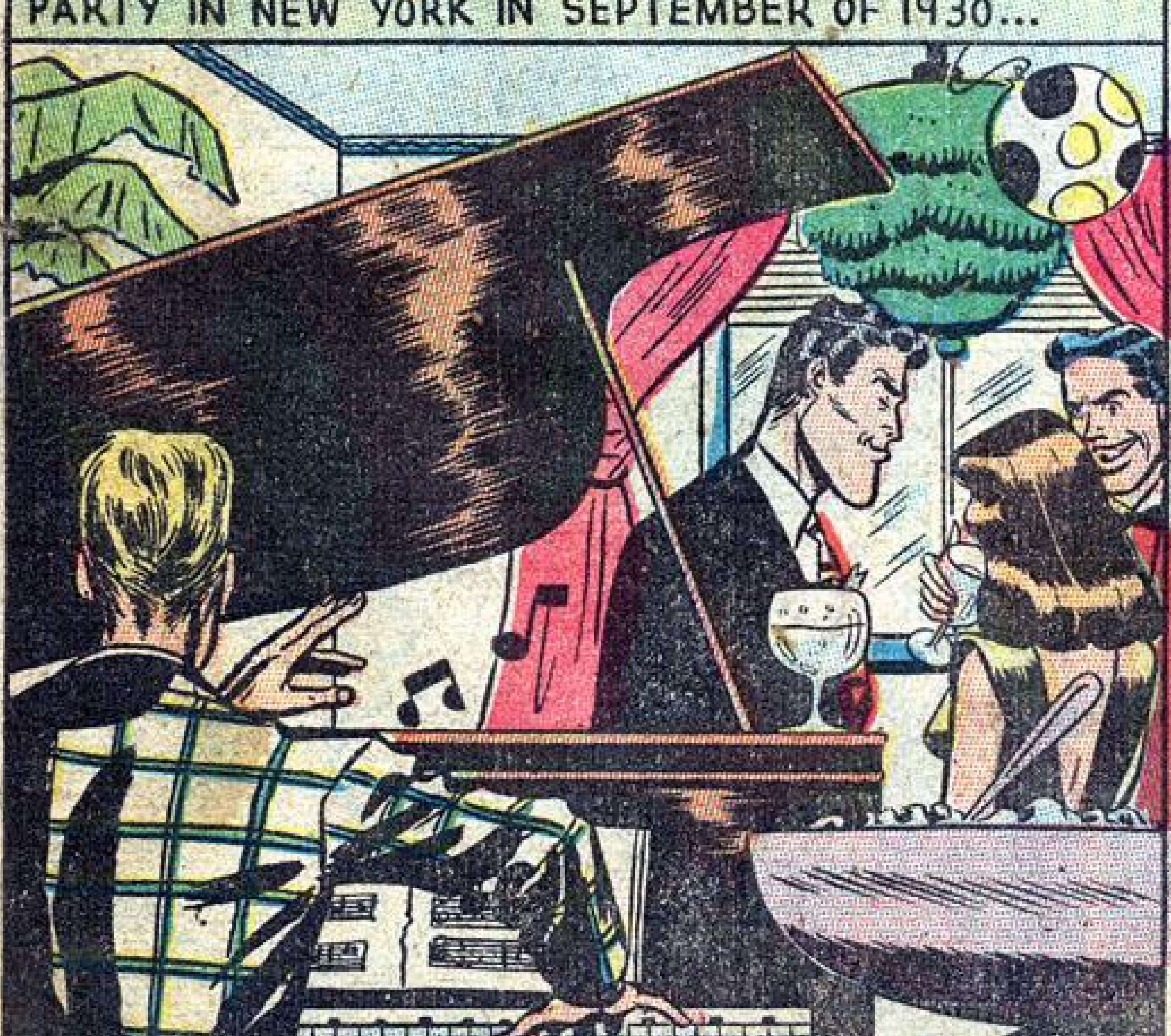
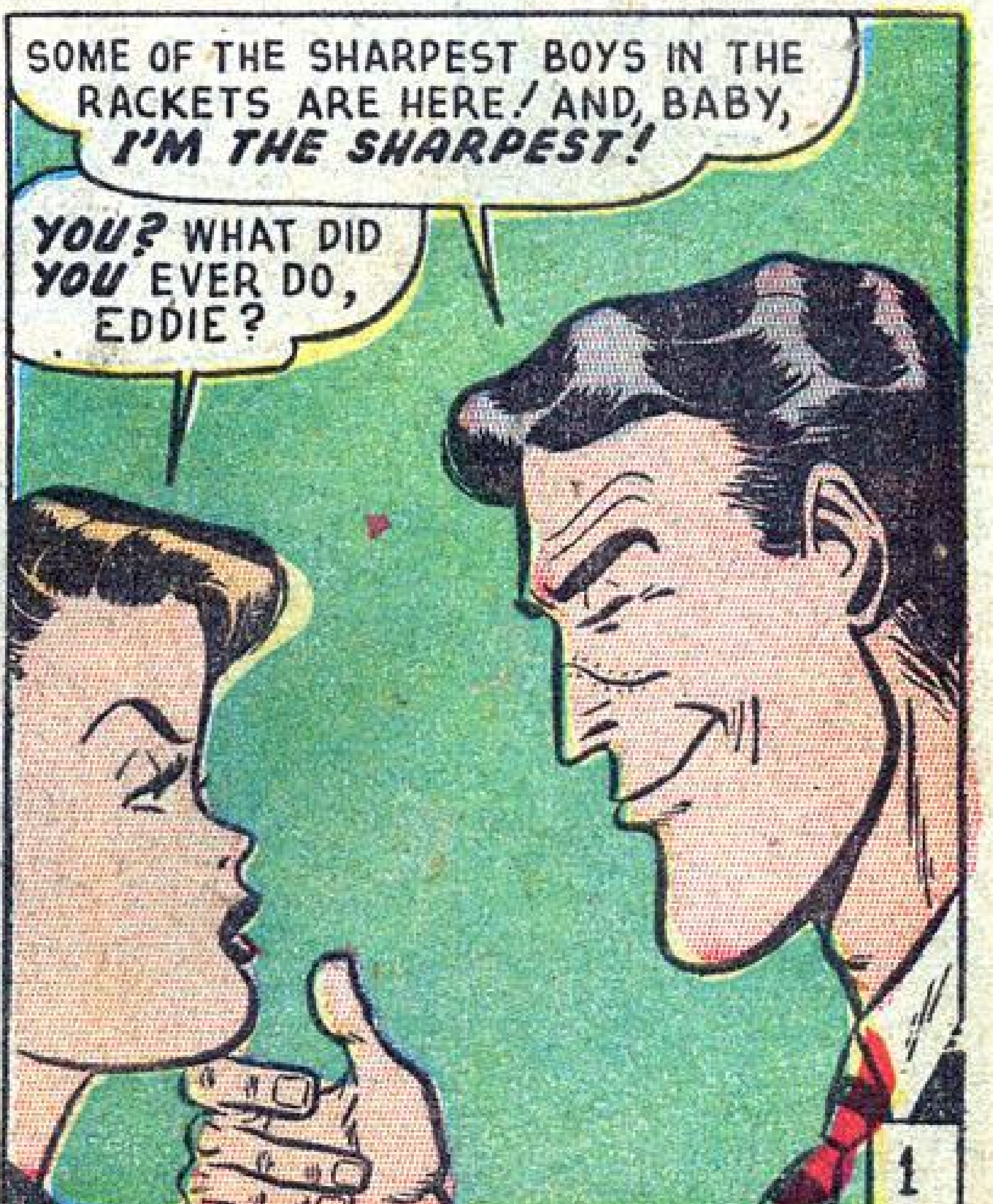
"BLUEPRINT FOR TERROR!"


ANY JOB WILL COME OUT OKAY -- BUT IT'S GOTTA HAVE A *PLAN*, SEE? A BLUEPRINT! AND ME, EDDIE LANE, I'M THE ONLY GUY WITH BRAINS ENOUGH TO WORK THESE THINGS OUT RIGHT! WITH MY BRAINS, I'LL GET MY MILLION BUCKS AND PROVE THAT YOU'VE GOT TO BE ***SMART*** TO BEAT THE RACKETS!
THIS STORY IS TRUE!*
LOOKOUT
STATE ST.
BANK
CAR
MAIN ST.
CAR
LOOKOUT
HIGHWAY
TO HYANNIS
2936

IT'S TOUGH TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT LIES INSIDE THE CRIMINALS' MIND--- TOUGH TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DO THE MORONIC THINGS THEY DO--- IS IT BECAUSE EACH OF THEM IS INSANE IN SOME WAY? JUDGE FOR YOURSELF AS YOU READ THIS STARTLING, TRUE STORY OF A MAN WHO THOUGHT HE HAD EVERYTHING ALL PLANNED OUT---A MAN WHOSE BLUEPRINT FOR TERROR TURNED INTO A BLUEPRINT FOR **MADNESS!!!**

EDDIE LANE, BANK ROBBER OF SORTS, THREW A PARTY IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER OF 1930...




SOME OF THE SHARPEST BOYS IN THE RACKETS ARE HERE! AND, BABY, ***I'M THE SHARPEST!***
YOU? WHAT DID ***YOU*** EVER DO, EDDIE?

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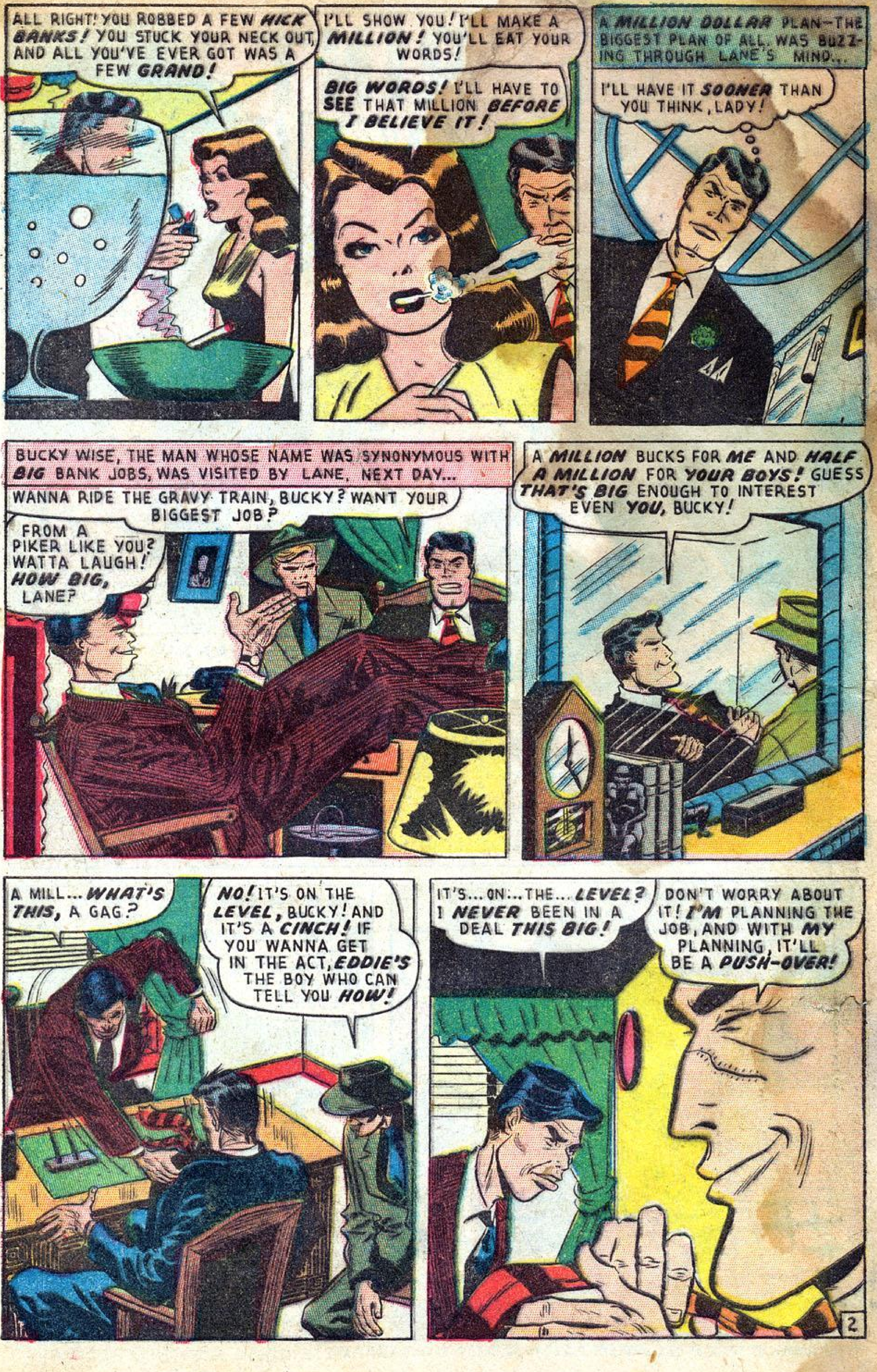
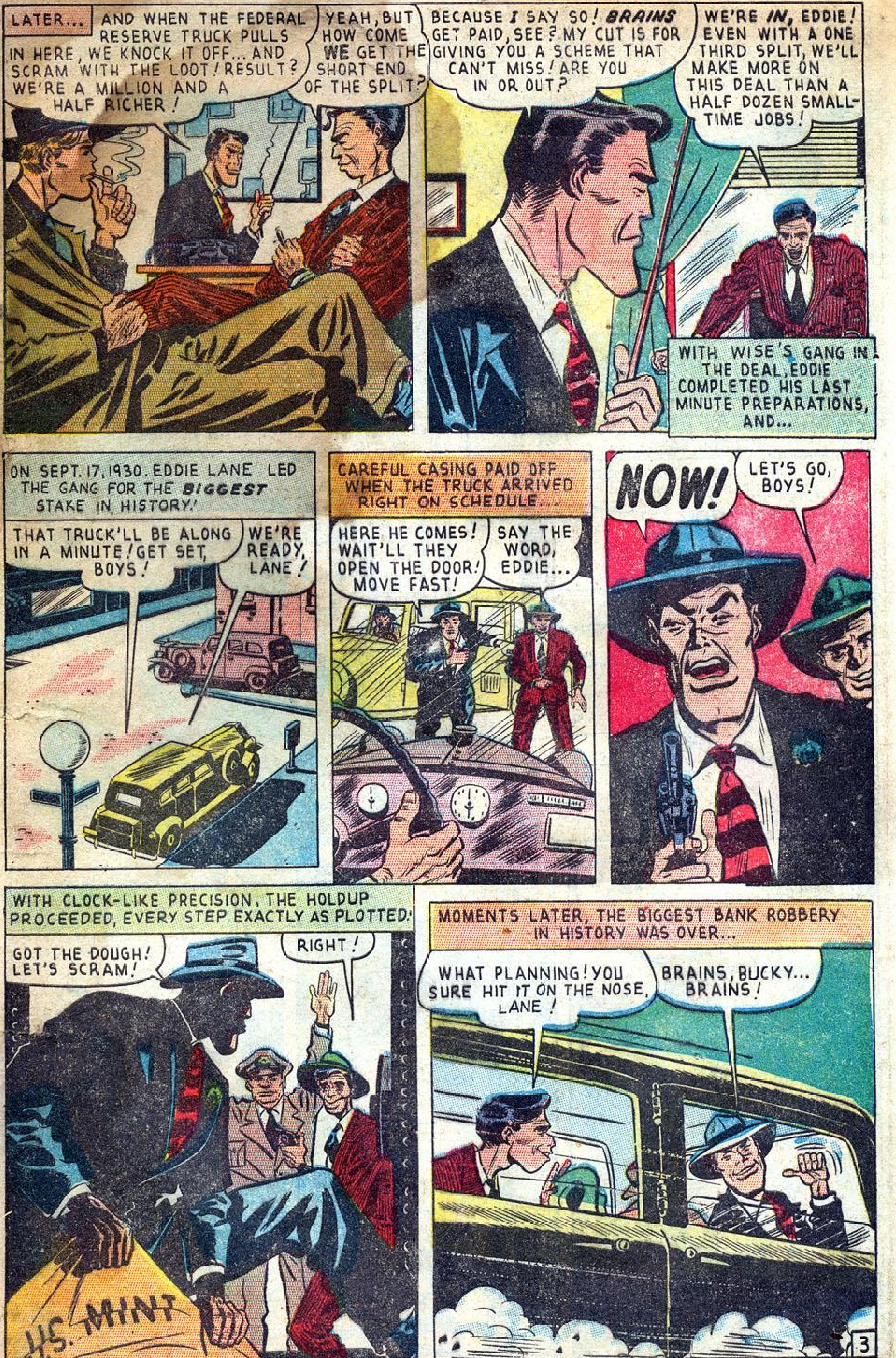
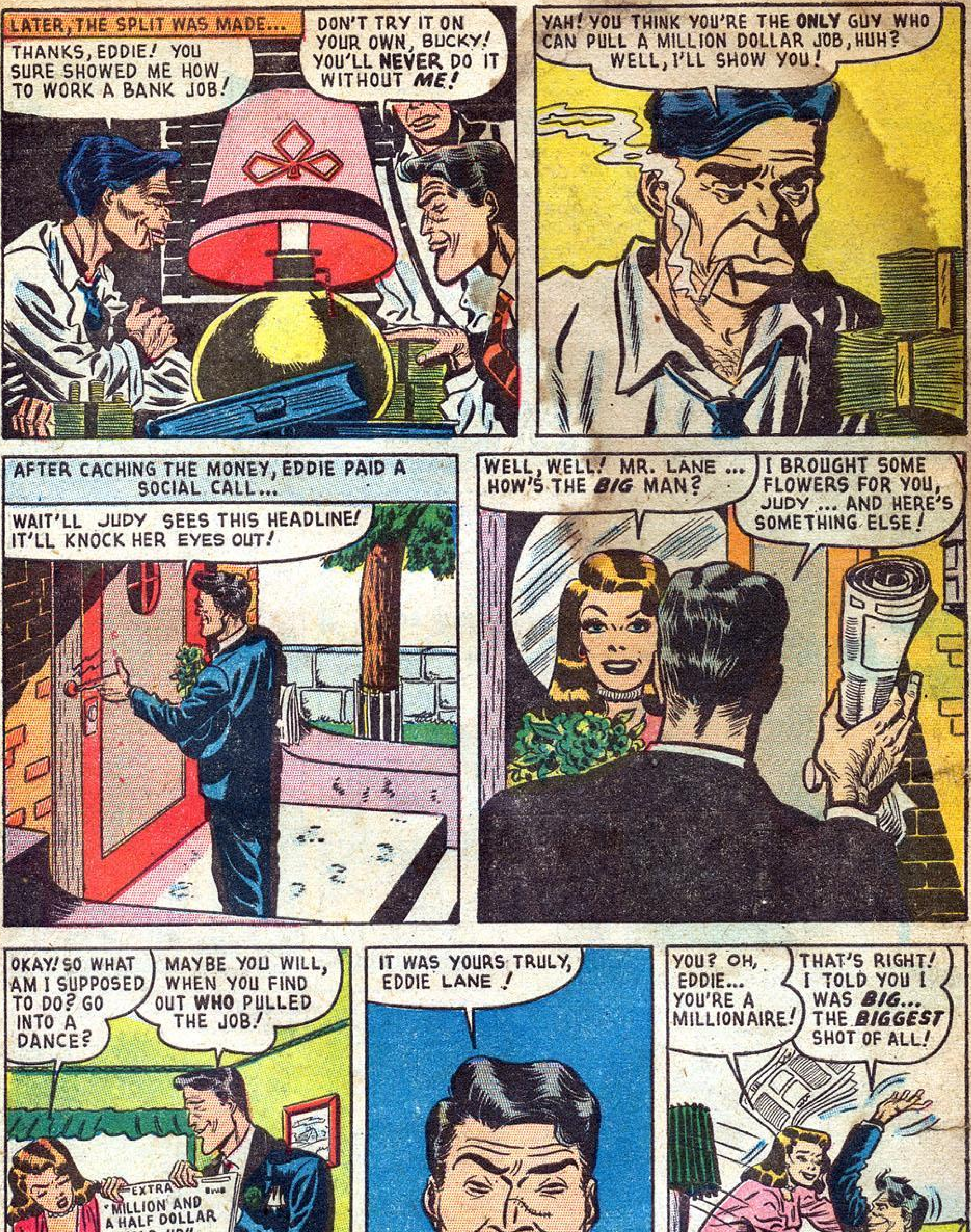
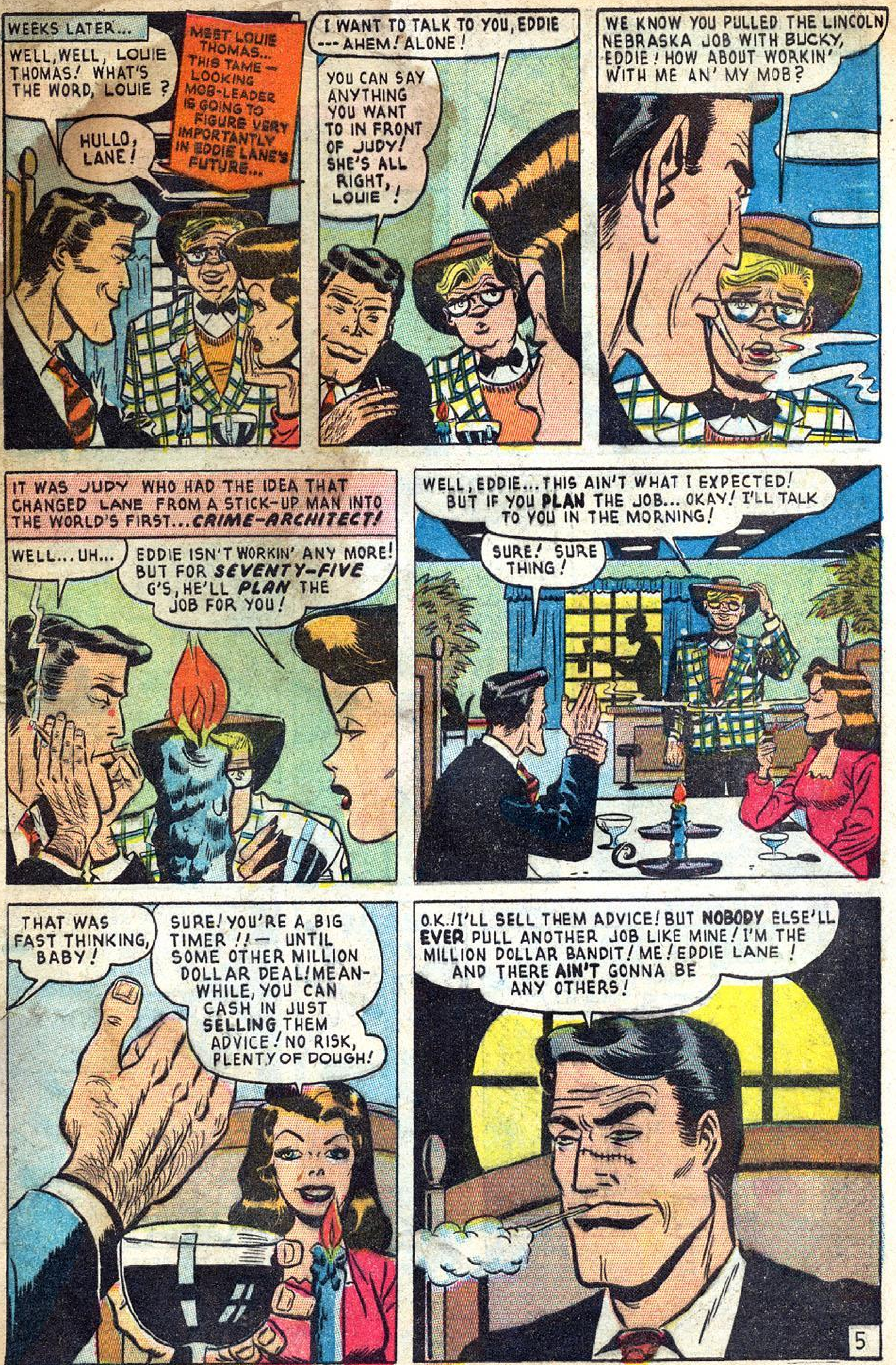
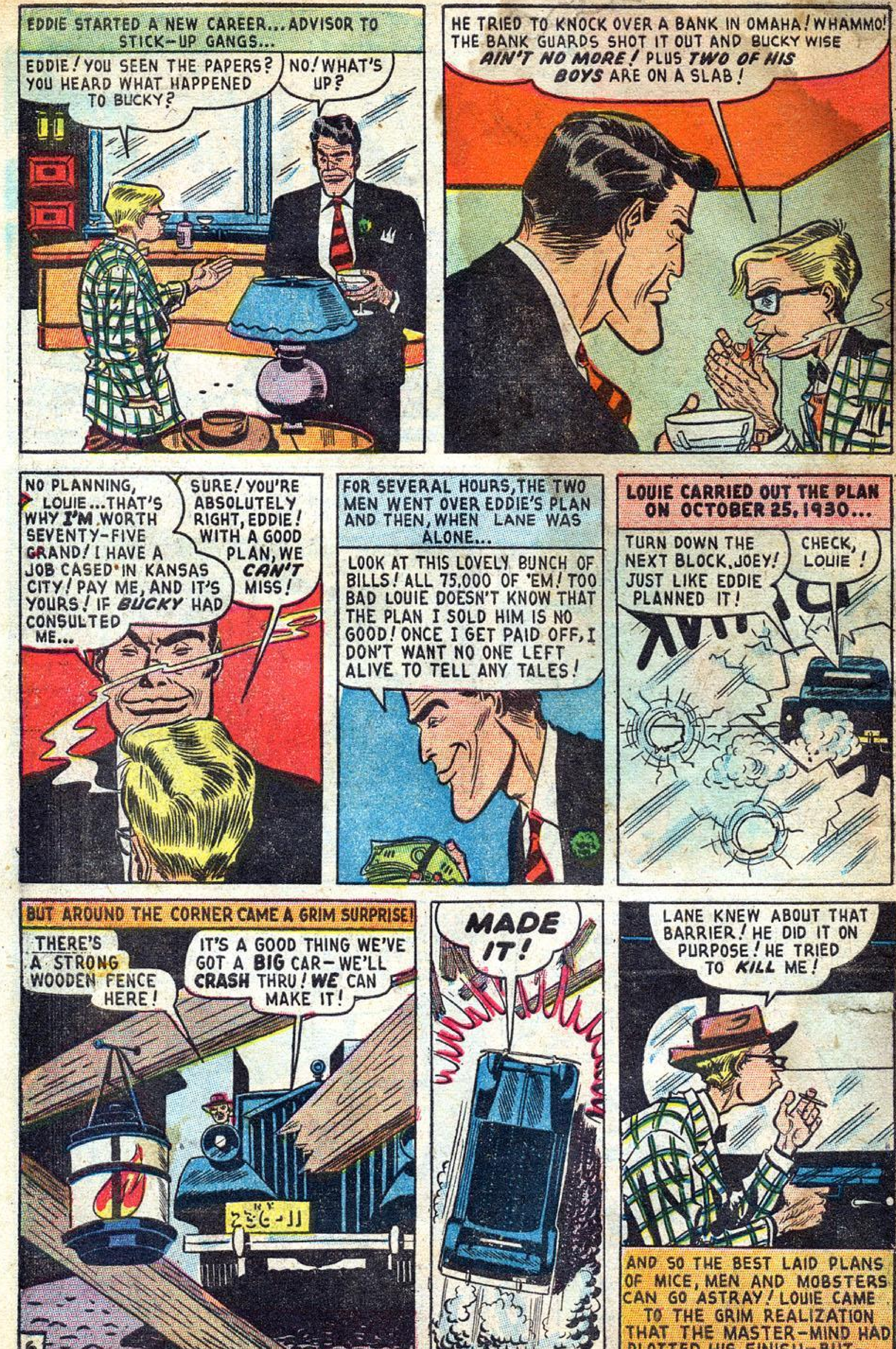
* THE NAMES OF SOME OF THE INNOCENT PERSONS DEPICTED IN THIS STORY ARE FICTITIOUS IN ORDER TO HIDE THEIR IDENTITY.

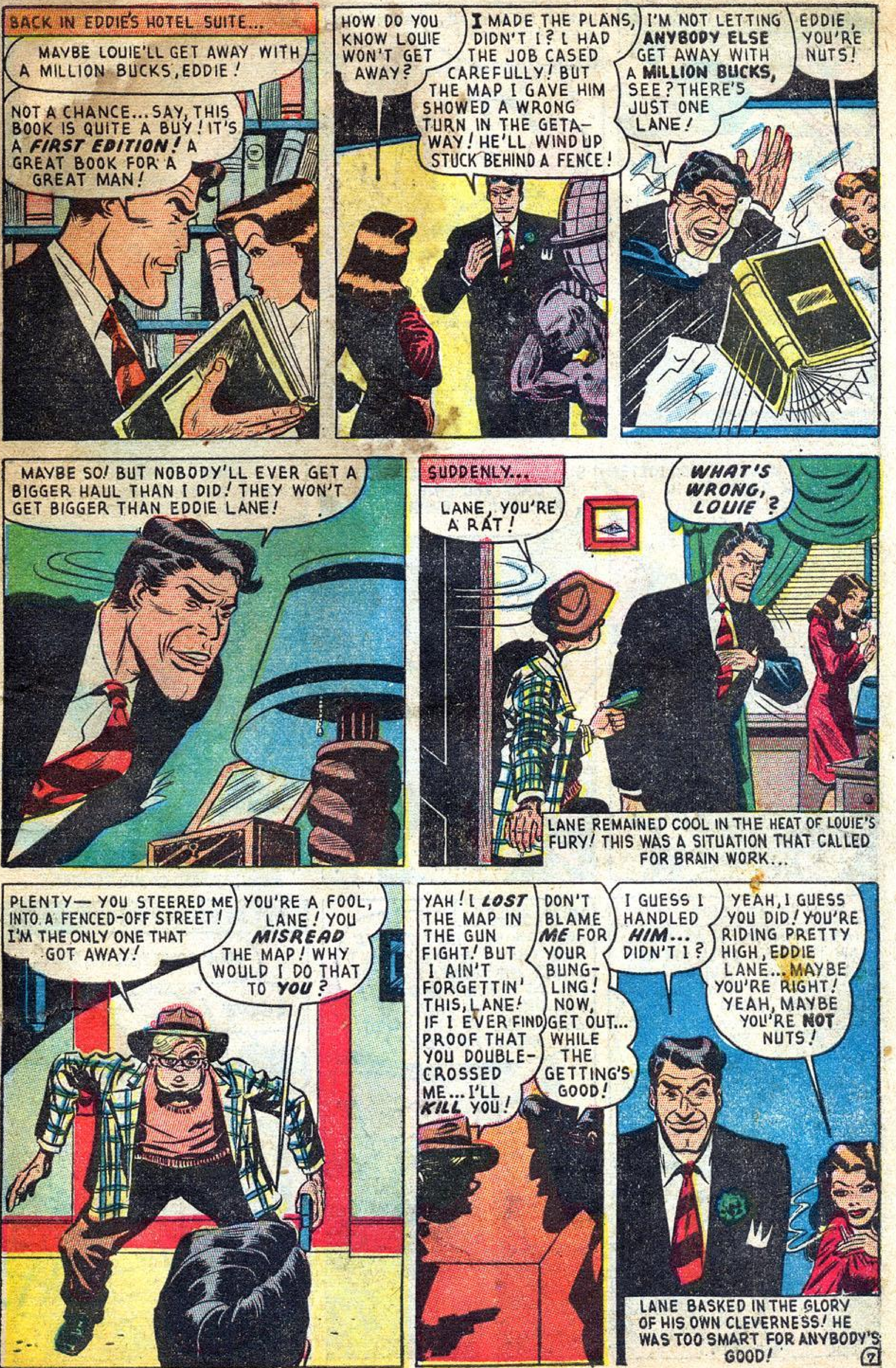

ALL RIGHT! YOU ROBBED A FEW *HICK BANKS!* YOU STUCK YOUR NECK OUT, AND ALL YOU'VE EVER GOT WAS A FEW *GRAND!*
I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL MAKE A *MILLION!* YOU'LL EAT YOUR WORDS!
BIG WORDS! I'LL HAVE TO *SEE* THAT MILLION *BEFORE I BELIEVE IT!*
A *MILLION DOLLAR* PLAN—THE BIGGEST PLAN OF ALL, WAS BUZZING THROUGH LANE'S MIND...
I'LL HAVE IT *SOONER* THAN YOU THINK, LADY!
BUCKY WISE, THE MAN WHOSE NAME WAS SYNONYMOUS WITH *BIG* BANK JOBS, WAS VISITED BY LANE, NEXT DAY...
WANNA RIDE THE GRAVY TRAIN, BUCKY? WANT YOUR BIGGEST JOB?
FROM A PIKER LIKE YOU? WATTA LAUGH! *HOW BIG,* LANE?
A *MILLION* BUCKS FOR *ME* AND *HALF A MILLION* FOR *YOUR BOYS!* GUESS *THAT'S BIG* ENOUGH TO INTEREST EVEN *YOU*, BUCKY!
A MILL... *WHAT'S THIS*, A GAG?
NO! IT'S ON THE *LEVEL*, BUCKY! AND IT'S A *CINCH!* IF YOU WANNA GET IN THE ACT, *EDDIE'S* THE BOY WHO CAN TELL YOU *HOW!*
IT'S... ON... THE... *LEVEL?* I *NEVER* BEEN IN A DEAL *THIS BIG!*
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! *I'M* PLANNING THE JOB, AND WITH *MY* PLANNING, IT'LL BE A *PUSH-OVER!*

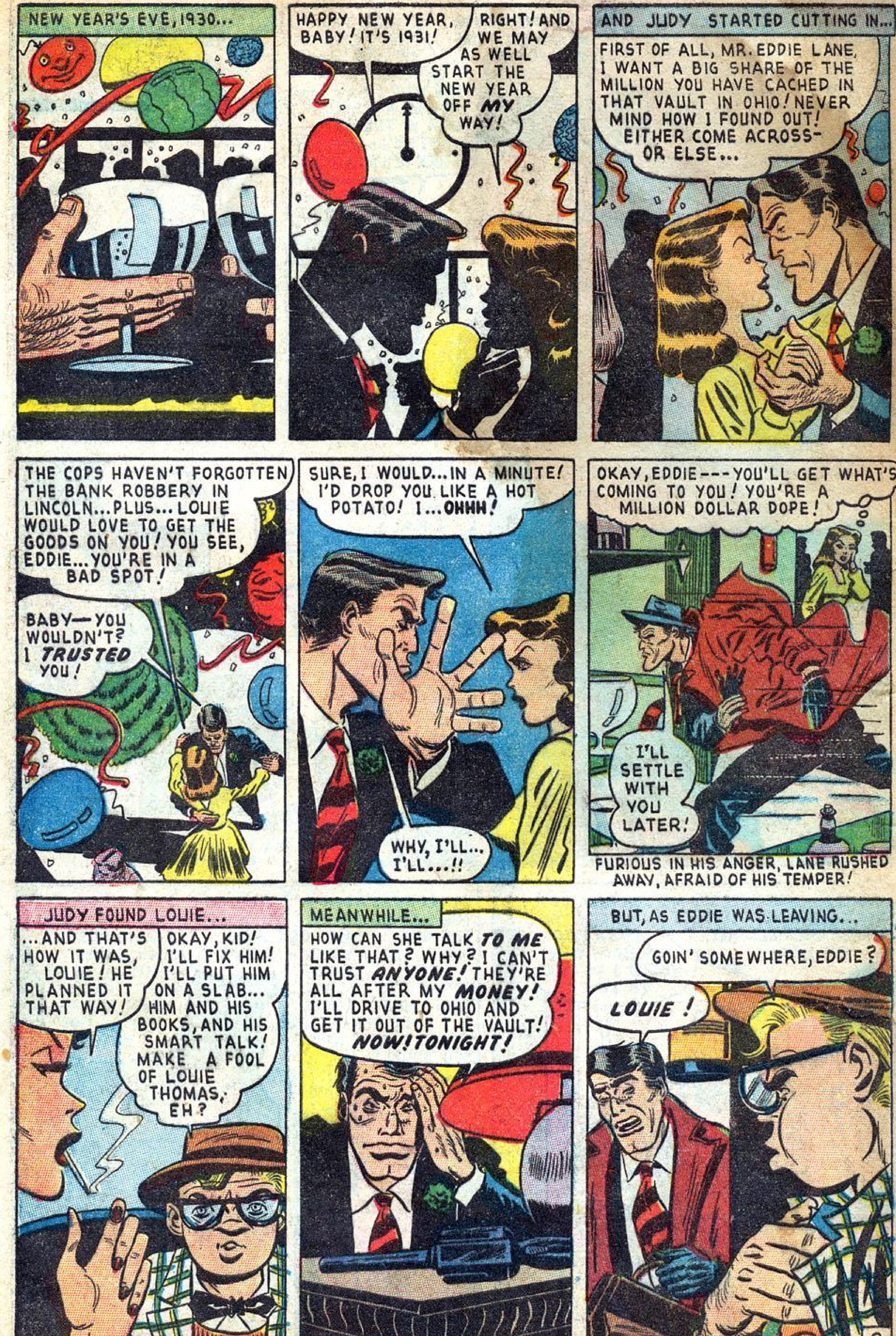

LATER...
AND WHEN THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRUCK PULLS IN HERE, WE KNOCK IT OFF... AND SCRAM WITH THE LOOT! RESULT? WE'RE A MILLION AND A HALF RICHER!
YEAH, BUT HOW COME WE GET THE SHORT END OF THE SPLIT?
BECAUSE I SAY SO! BRAINS GET PAID, SEE? MY CUT IS FOR GIVING YOU A SCHEME THAT CAN'T MISS! ARE YOU IN OR OUT?
WE'RE IN, EDDIE! EVEN WITH A ONE THIRD SPLIT, WE'LL MAKE MORE ON THIS DEAL THAN A HALF DOZEN SMALL-TIME JOBS!
WITH WISE'S GANG IN THE DEAL, EDDIE COMPLETED HIS LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS, AND...
ON SEPT. 17, 1930. EDDIE LANE LED THE GANG FOR THE BIGGEST STAKE IN HISTORY!
THAT TRUCK'LL BE ALONG IN A MINUTE! GET SET, BOYS!
WE'RE READY, LANE!
CAREFUL CASING PAID OFF WHEN THE TRUCK ARRIVED RIGHT ON SCHEDULE...
HERE HE COMES! WAIT'LL THEY OPEN THE DOOR! MOVE FAST!
SAY THE WORD, EDDIE...
NOW!
LET'S GO, BOYS!
WITH CLOCK-LIKE PRECISION, THE HOLDUP PROCEEDED, EVERY STEP EXACTLY AS PLOTTED!
GOT THE DOUGH! LET'S SCRAM!
RIGHT!
U.S. MINT
MOMENTS LATER, THE BIGGEST BANK ROBBERY IN HISTORY WAS OVER...
WHAT PLANNING! YOU SURE HIT IT ON THE NOSE, LANE!
BRAINS, BUCKY... BRAINS!

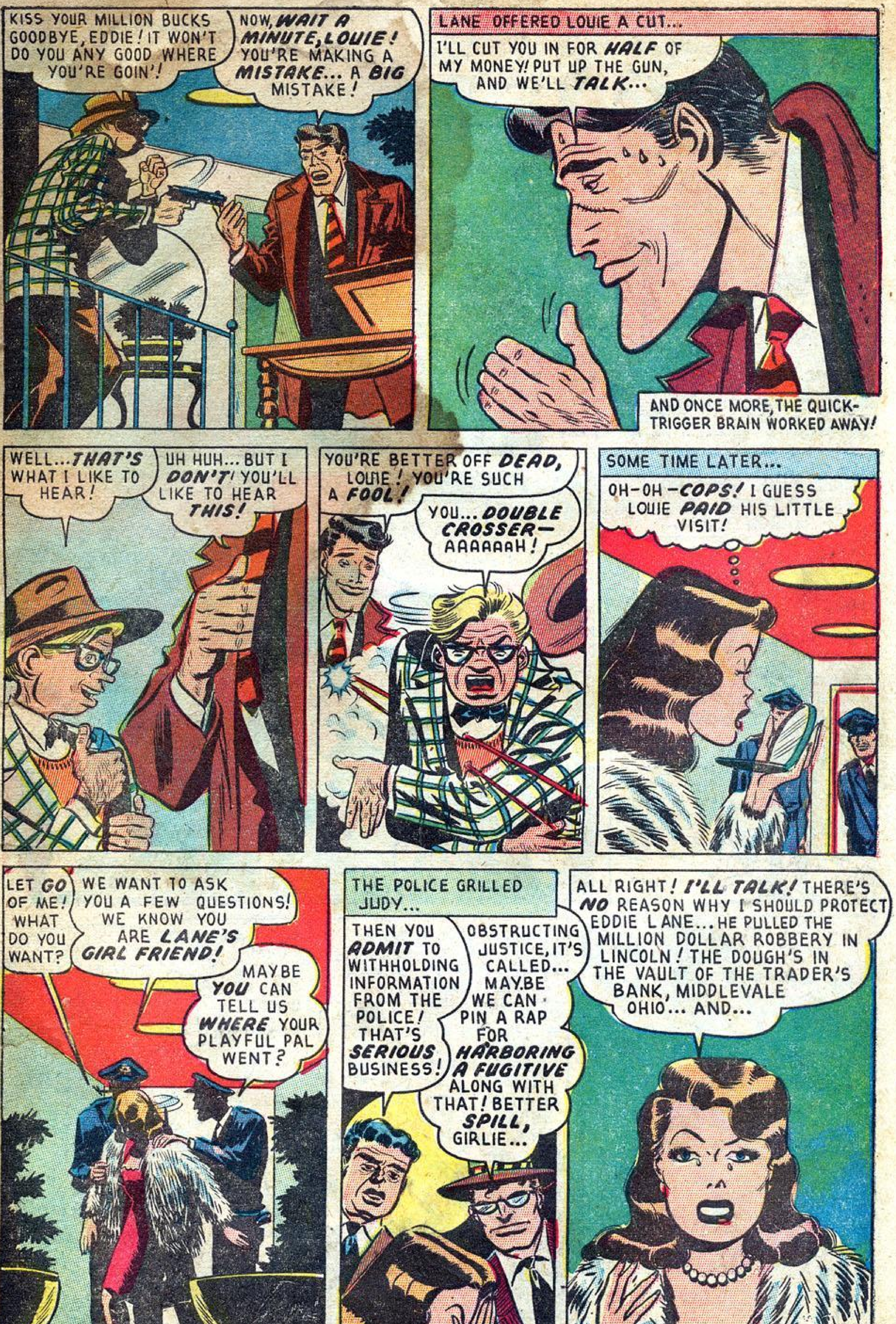

LATER, THE SPLIT WAS MADE...
THANKS, EDDIE! YOU SURE SHOWED ME HOW TO WORK A BANK JOB!
DON'T TRY IT ON YOUR OWN, BUCKY! YOU'LL NEVER DO IT WITHOUT ME!
YAH! YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY GUY WHO CAN PULL A MILLION DOLLAR JOB, HUH? WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU!
AFTER CACHING THE MONEY, EDDIE PAID A SOCIAL CALL...
WAIT'LL JUDY SEES THIS HEADLINE! IT'LL KNOCK HER EYES OUT!
WELL, WELL! MR. LANE ... HOW'S THE BIG MAN?
I BROUGHT SOME FLOWERS FOR YOU, JUDY ... AND HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE!
OKAY! SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? GO INTO A DANCE?
MAYBE YOU WILL, WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHO PULLED THE JOB!
EXTRA
"MILLION AND A HALF DOLLAR HOLD-UP"
IT WAS YOURS TRULY, EDDIE LANE!
YOU? OH, EDDIE... YOU'RE A MILLIONAIRE!
THAT'S RIGHT! I TOLD YOU I WAS BIG... THE BIGGEST SHOT OF ALL!
LANE FINALLY MADE GOOD HIS BOAST... HE WAS THE "MILLION DOLLAR" BANK ROBBER!

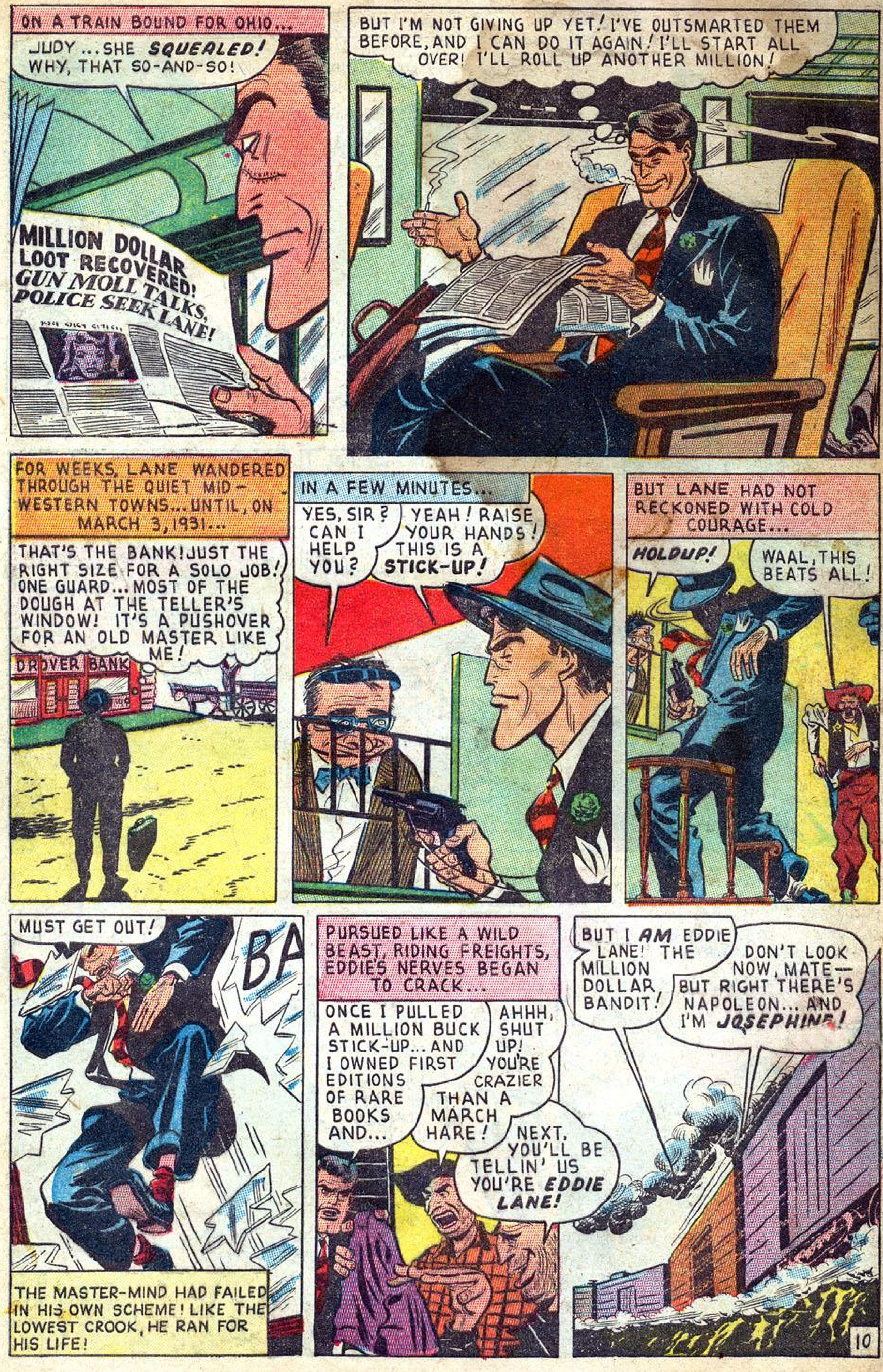

WEEKS LATER...
WELL, WELL, LOUIE THOMAS! WHAT'S THE WORD, LOUIE?
MEET LOUIE THOMAS... THIS TAME-LOOKING MOB-LEADER IS GOING TO FIGURE VERY IMPORTANTLY IN EDDIE LANE'S FUTURE...
HULLO, LANE!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, EDDIE --- AHEM! ALONE!
YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT TO IN FRONT OF JUDY! SHE'S ALL RIGHT, LOUIE!
WE KNOW YOU PULLED THE LINCOLN NEBRASKA JOB WITH BUCKY, EDDIE! HOW ABOUT WORKIN' WITH ME AN' MY MOB?
IT WAS JUDY WHO HAD THE IDEA THAT CHANGED LANE FROM A STICK-UP MAN INTO THE WORLD'S FIRST... CRIME-ARCHITECT!
WELL... UH...
EDDIE ISN'T WORKIN' ANY MORE! BUT FOR SEVENTY-FIVE G'S, HE'LL PLAN THE JOB FOR YOU!
WELL, EDDIE... THIS AIN'T WHAT I EXPECTED! BUT IF YOU PLAN THE JOB... OKAY! I'LL TALK TO YOU IN THE MORNING!
SURE! SURE THING!
THAT WAS FAST THINKING, BABY!
SURE! YOU'RE A BIG TIMER !! — UNTIL SOME OTHER MILLION DOLLAR DEAL! MEANWHILE, YOU CAN CASH IN JUST SELLING THEM ADVICE! NO RISK, PLENTY OF DOUGH!
O.K..! I'LL SELL THEM ADVICE! BUT NOBODY ELSE'LL EVER PULL ANOTHER JOB LIKE MINE! I'M THE MILLION DOLLAR BANDIT! ME! EDDIE LANE! AND THERE AIN'T GONNA BE ANY OTHERS!

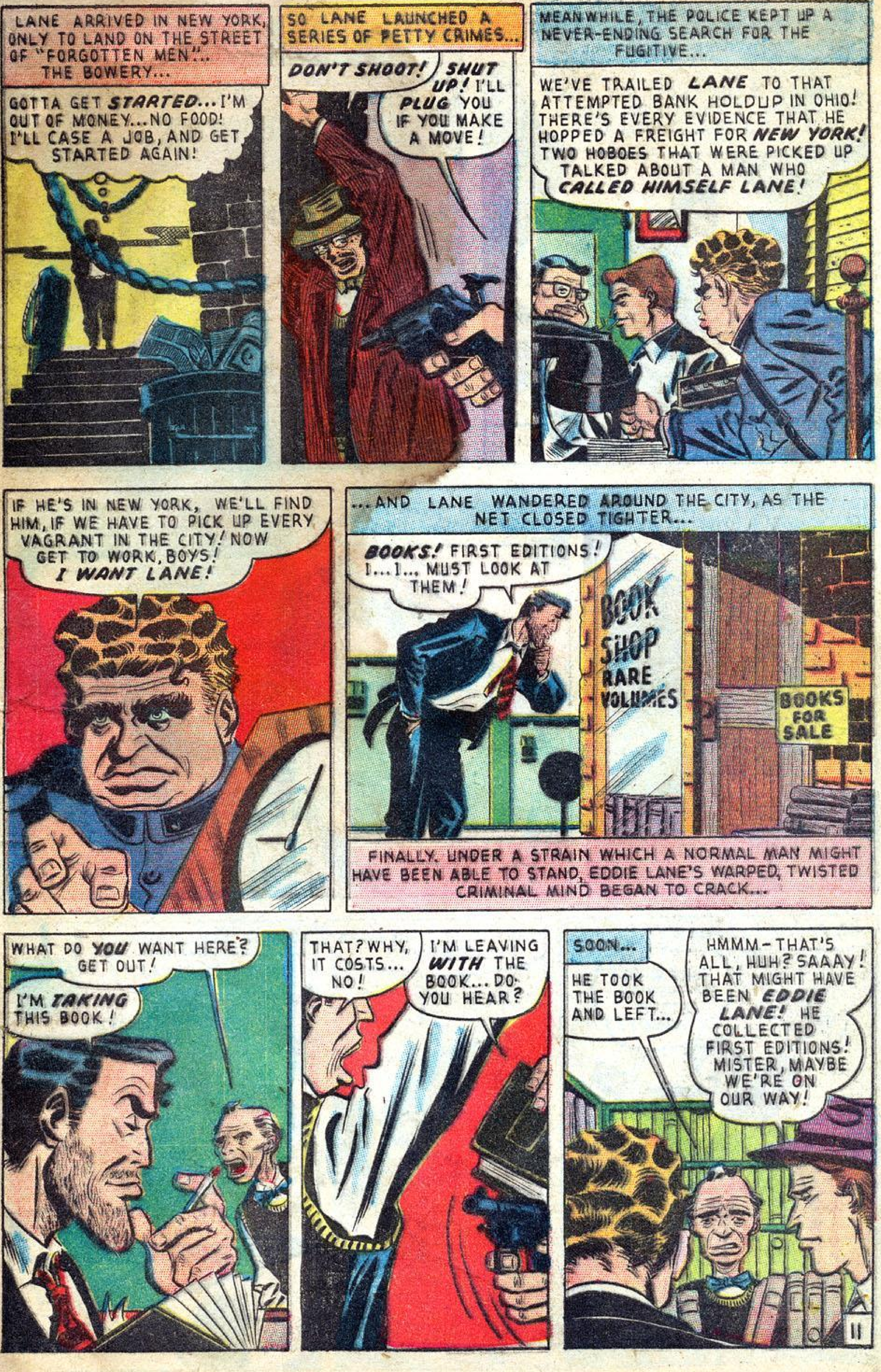

EDDIE STARTED A NEW CAREER... ADVISOR TO STICK-UP GANGS...
EDDIE! YOU SEEN THE PAPERS? YOU HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO BUCKY?
NO! WHAT'S UP?
HE TRIED TO KNOCK OVER A BANK IN OMAHA! WHAMMO! THE BANK GUARDS SHOT IT OUT AND BUCKY WISE *AIN'T NO MORE!* PLUS *TWO OF HIS BOYS* ARE ON A SLAB!
NO PLANNING, LOUIE... THAT'S WHY ***I'M*** WORTH SEVENTY-FIVE GRAND! I HAVE A JOB CASED IN KANSAS CITY! PAY ME, AND IT'S YOURS! IF ***BUCKY*** HAD CONSULTED ME...
SURE! YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, EDDIE! WITH A GOOD PLAN, WE ***CAN'T*** MISS!
FOR SEVERAL HOURS, THE TWO MEN WENT OVER EDDIE'S PLAN AND THEN, WHEN LANE WAS ALONE...
LOOK AT THIS LOVELY BUNCH OF BILLS! ALL 75,000 OF 'EM! TOO BAD LOUIE DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE PLAN I SOLD HIM IS NO GOOD! ONCE I GET PAID OFF, I DON'T WANT NO ONE LEFT ALIVE TO TELL ANY TALES!
LOUIE CARRIED OUT THE PLAN ON OCTOBER 25, 1930...
TURN DOWN THE NEXT BLOCK, JOEY! JUST LIKE EDDIE PLANNED IT!
CHECK, LOUIE!
BUT AROUND THE CORNER CAME A GRIM SURPRISE!
THERE'S A STRONG WOODEN FENCE HERE!
IT'S A GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A **BIG** CAR—WE'LL **CRASH** THRU! ***WE*** CAN MAKE IT!
NY 236-11
MADE IT!
LANE KNEW ABOUT THAT BARRIER! HE DID IT ON PURPOSE! HE TRIED TO ***KILL*** ME!
AND SO THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE, MEN AND MOBSTERS CAN GO ASTRAY! LOUIE CAME TO THE GRIM REALIZATION THAT THE MASTER-MIND HAD PLOTTED HIS FINISH—BUT—


BACK IN EDDIE'S HOTEL SUITE...
MAYBE LOUIE'LL GET AWAY WITH A MILLION BUCKS, EDDIE!
NOT A CHANCE... SAY, THIS BOOK IS QUITE A BUY! IT'S A *FIRST EDITION!* A GREAT BOOK FOR A GREAT MAN!
HOW DO YOU KNOW LOUIE WON'T GET AWAY?
I MADE THE PLANS, DIDN'T I? I HAD THE JOB CASED CAREFULLY! BUT THE MAP I GAVE HIM SHOWED A WRONG TURN IN THE GETAWAY! HE'LL WIND UP STUCK BEHIND A FENCE!
I'M NOT LETTING **ANYBODY ELSE** GET AWAY WITH A **MILLION BUCKS,** SEE? THERE'S JUST ONE LANE!
EDDIE, YOU'RE NUTS!
MAYBE SO! BUT NOBODY'LL EVER GET A BIGGER HAUL THAN I DID! THEY WON'T GET BIGGER THAN EDDIE LANE!
SUDDENLY...
LANE, YOU'RE A RAT!
WHAT'S WRONG, LOUIE?
LANE REMAINED COOL IN THE HEAT OF LOUIE'S FURY! THIS WAS A SITUATION THAT CALLED FOR BRAIN WORK...
PLENTY— YOU STEERED ME INTO A FENCED-OFF STREET! I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT AWAY!
YOU'RE A FOOL, LANE! YOU ***MISREAD*** THE MAP! WHY WOULD I DO THAT TO ***YOU?***
YAH! I ***LOST*** THE MAP IN THE GUN FIGHT! BUT I AIN'T FORGETTIN' THIS, LANE! IF I EVER FIND PROOF THAT YOU DOUBLE-CROSSED ME... I'LL ***KILL*** YOU!
DON'T BLAME ***ME*** FOR YOUR BUNGLING! NOW, GET OUT... WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD!
I GUESS I HANDLED ***HIM...*** DIDN'T I?
YEAH, I GUESS YOU DID! YOU'RE RIDING PRETTY HIGH, EDDIE LANE... MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! YEAH, MAYBE YOU'RE **NOT** NUTS!
LANE BASKED IN THE GLORY OF HIS OWN CLEVERNESS! HE WAS TOO SMART FOR ANYBODY'S GOOD!


NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1930...
HAPPY NEW YEAR, BABY! IT'S 1931!
RIGHT! AND WE MAY AS WELL START THE NEW YEAR OFF *MY* WAY!
AND JUDY STARTED CUTTING IN...
FIRST OF ALL, MR. EDDIE LANE, I WANT A BIG SHARE OF THE MILLION YOU HAVE CACHED IN THAT VAULT IN OHIO! NEVER MIND HOW I FOUND OUT! EITHER COME ACROSS--OR ELSE...
THE COPS HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE BANK ROBBERY IN LINCOLN...PLUS...LOUIE WOULD LOVE TO GET THE GOODS ON YOU! YOU SEE, EDDIE...YOU'RE IN A BAD SPOT!
BABY—YOU WOULDN'T? I *TRUSTED* YOU!
SURE, I WOULD...IN A MINUTE! I'D DROP YOU LIKE A HOT POTATO! I...**OHHH!**
WHY, I'LL... I'LL...!!
OKAY, EDDIE---YOU'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU! YOU'RE A MILLION DOLLAR DOPE!
I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU LATER!
FURIOUS IN HIS ANGER, LANE RUSHED AWAY, AFRAID OF HIS TEMPER!
JUDY FOUND LOUIE...
...AND THAT'S HOW IT WAS, LOUIE! HE PLANNED IT THAT WAY!
OKAY, KID! I'LL FIX HIM! I'LL PUT HIM ON A SLAB... HIM AND HIS BOOKS, AND HIS SMART TALK! MAKE A FOOL OF LOUIE THOMAS, EH?
MEANWHILE...
HOW CAN SHE TALK *TO ME* LIKE THAT? WHY? I CAN'T TRUST *ANYONE*! THEY'RE ALL AFTER MY *MONEY*! I'LL DRIVE TO OHIO AND GET IT OUT OF THE VAULT! ***NOW! TONIGHT!***
BUT, AS EDDIE WAS LEAVING..
GOIN' SOMEWHERE, EDDIE?
LOUIE!


KISS YOUR MILLION BUCKS GOODBYE, EDDIE! IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'!
NOW, *WAIT A MINUTE, LOUIE!* YOU'RE MAKING A *MISTAKE*... A *BIG* MISTAKE!
LANE OFFERED LOUIE A CUT...
I'LL CUT YOU IN FOR *HALF* OF MY MONEY! PUT UP THE GUN, AND WE'LL *TALK*...
AND ONCE MORE, THE QUICK-TRIGGER BRAIN WORKED AWAY!
WELL... *THAT'S* WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR!
UH HUH... BUT I *DON'T!* YOU'LL LIKE TO HEAR *THIS!*
YOU'RE BETTER OFF *DEAD*, LOUIE! YOU'RE SUCH A *FOOL!*
YOU... *DOUBLE CROSSER*— AAAAAAH!
SOME TIME LATER...
OH-OH —*COPS!* I GUESS LOUIE *PAID* HIS LITTLE VISIT!
LET *GO* OF ME! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WE WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS! WE KNOW YOU ARE *LANE'S GIRL FRIEND!*
MAYBE *YOU* CAN TELL US *WHERE* YOUR PLAYFUL PAL WENT?
THE POLICE GRILLED JUDY...
THEN YOU *ADMIT* TO WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE! THAT'S *SERIOUS* BUSINESS!
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE, IT'S CALLED... MAYBE WE CAN PIN A RAP FOR *HARBORING A FUGITIVE* ALONG WITH THAT! BETTER *SPILL*, GIRLIE...
ALL RIGHT! *I'LL TALK!* THERE'S *NO* REASON WHY I SHOULD PROTECT EDDIE LANE... HE PULLED THE MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY IN LINCOLN! THE DOUGH'S IN THE VAULT OF THE TRADER'S BANK, MIDDLEVALE OHIO... AND...


ON A TRAIN BOUND FOR OHIO...
JUDY ... SHE *SQUEALED!* WHY, THAT SO-AND-SO!
MILLION DOLLAR LOOT RECOVERED! GUN MOLL TALKS, POLICE SEEK LANE!
BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP YET! I'VE OUTSMARTED THEM BEFORE, AND I CAN DO IT AGAIN! I'LL START ALL OVER! I'LL ROLL UP ANOTHER MILLION!
FOR WEEKS, LANE WANDERED THROUGH THE QUIET MID-WESTERN TOWNS... UNTIL, ON MARCH 3, 1931...
THAT'S THE BANK! JUST THE RIGHT SIZE FOR A SOLO JOB! ONE GUARD... MOST OF THE DOUGH AT THE TELLER'S WINDOW! IT'S A PUSHOVER FOR AN OLD MASTER LIKE ME!
DROVER BANK
IN A FEW MINUTES...
YES, SIR? CAN I HELP YOU?
YEAH! RAISE YOUR HANDS! THIS IS A **STICK-UP!**
BUT LANE HAD NOT RECKONED WITH COLD COURAGE...
HOLDUP!
WAAL, THIS BEATS ALL!
MUST GET OUT!
BA
THE MASTER-MIND HAD FAILED IN HIS OWN SCHEME! LIKE THE LOWEST CROOK, HE RAN FOR HIS LIFE!
PURSUED LIKE A WILD BEAST, RIDING FREIGHTS, EDDIE'S NERVES BEGAN TO CRACK...
ONCE I PULLED A MILLION BUCK STICK-UP... AND I OWNED FIRST EDITIONS OF RARE BOOKS AND...
AHHH, SHUT UP! YOU'RE CRAZIER THAN A MARCH HARE!
NEXT, YOU'LL BE TELLIN' US YOU'RE *EDDIE LANE!*
BUT I *AM* EDDIE LANE! THE MILLION DOLLAR BANDIT!
DON'T LOOK NOW, MATE— BUT RIGHT THERE'S NAPOLEON... AND I'M *JOSEPHINE!*


LANE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK, ONLY TO LAND ON THE STREET OF "FORGOTTEN MEN"... THE BOWERY...
GOTTA GET STARTED... I'M OUT OF MONEY... NO FOOD! I'LL CASE A JOB, AND GET STARTED AGAIN!
SO LANE LAUNCHED A SERIES OF PETTY CRIMES...
DON'T SHOOT!
SHUT UP! I'LL PLUG YOU IF YOU MAKE A MOVE!
MEANWHILE, THE POLICE KEPT UP A NEVER-ENDING SEARCH FOR THE FUGITIVE...
WE'VE TRAILED LANE TO THAT ATTEMPTED BANK HOLDUP IN OHIO! THERE'S EVERY EVIDENCE THAT HE HOPPED A FREIGHT FOR NEW YORK! TWO HOBOES THAT WERE PICKED UP TALKED ABOUT A MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF LANE!
IF HE'S IN NEW YORK, WE'LL FIND HIM, IF WE HAVE TO PICK UP EVERY VAGRANT IN THE CITY! NOW GET TO WORK, BOYS! I WANT LANE!
...AND LANE WANDERED AROUND THE CITY, AS THE NET CLOSED TIGHTER...
BOOKS! FIRST EDITIONS! I... I... MUST LOOK AT THEM!
BOOK SHOP RARE VOLUMES
BOOKS FOR SALE
FINALLY, UNDER A STRAIN WHICH A NORMAL MAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAND, EDDIE LANE'S WARPED, TWISTED CRIMINAL MIND BEGAN TO CRACK...
WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE? GET OUT!
I'M TAKING THIS BOOK!
THAT? WHY, IT COSTS... NO!
I'M LEAVING WITH THE BOOK... DO YOU HEAR?
SOON...
HE TOOK THE BOOK AND LEFT...
HMMM - THAT'S ALL, HUH? SAAAY! THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EDDIE LANE! HE COLLECTED FIRST EDITIONS! MISTER, MAYBE WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
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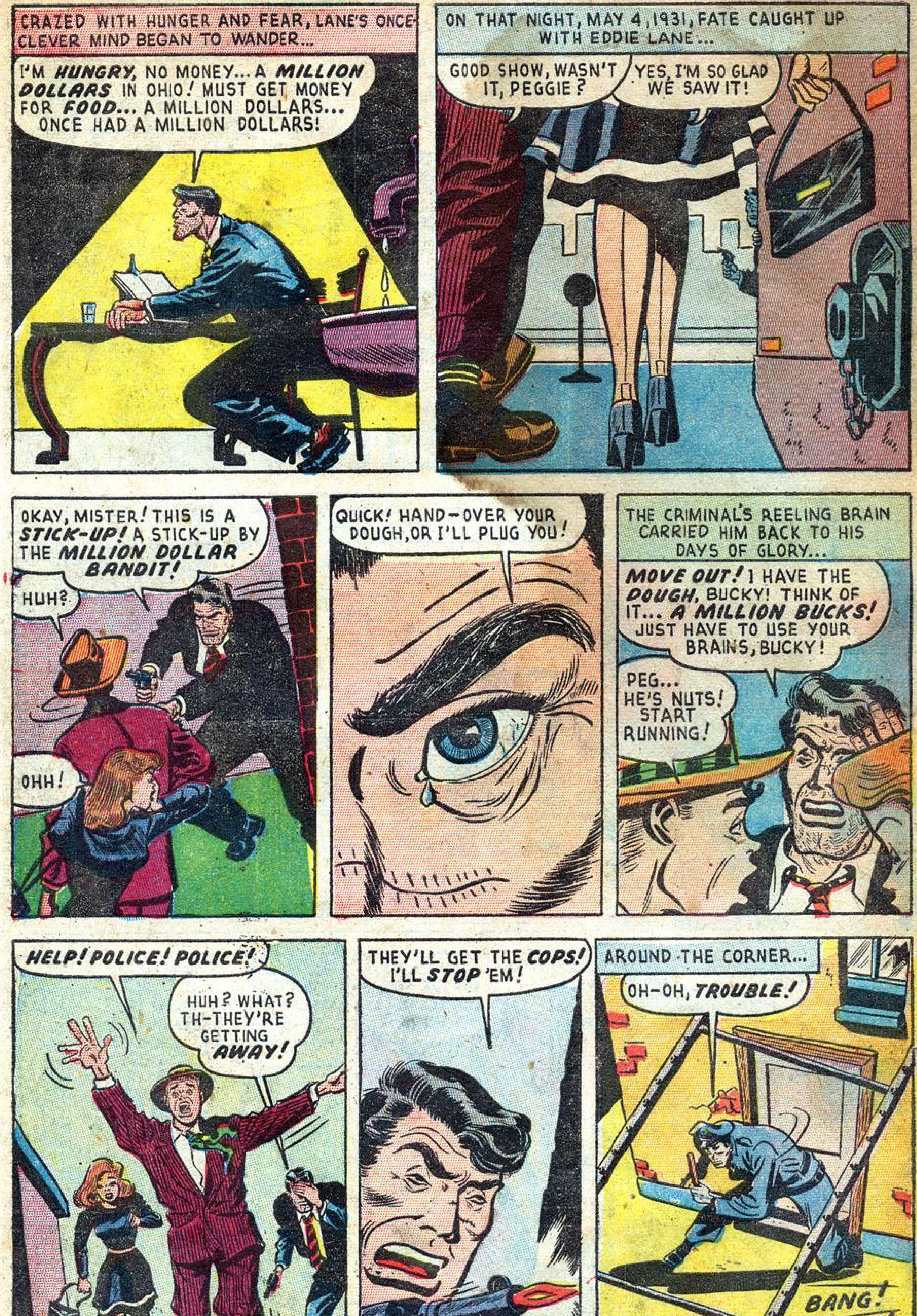
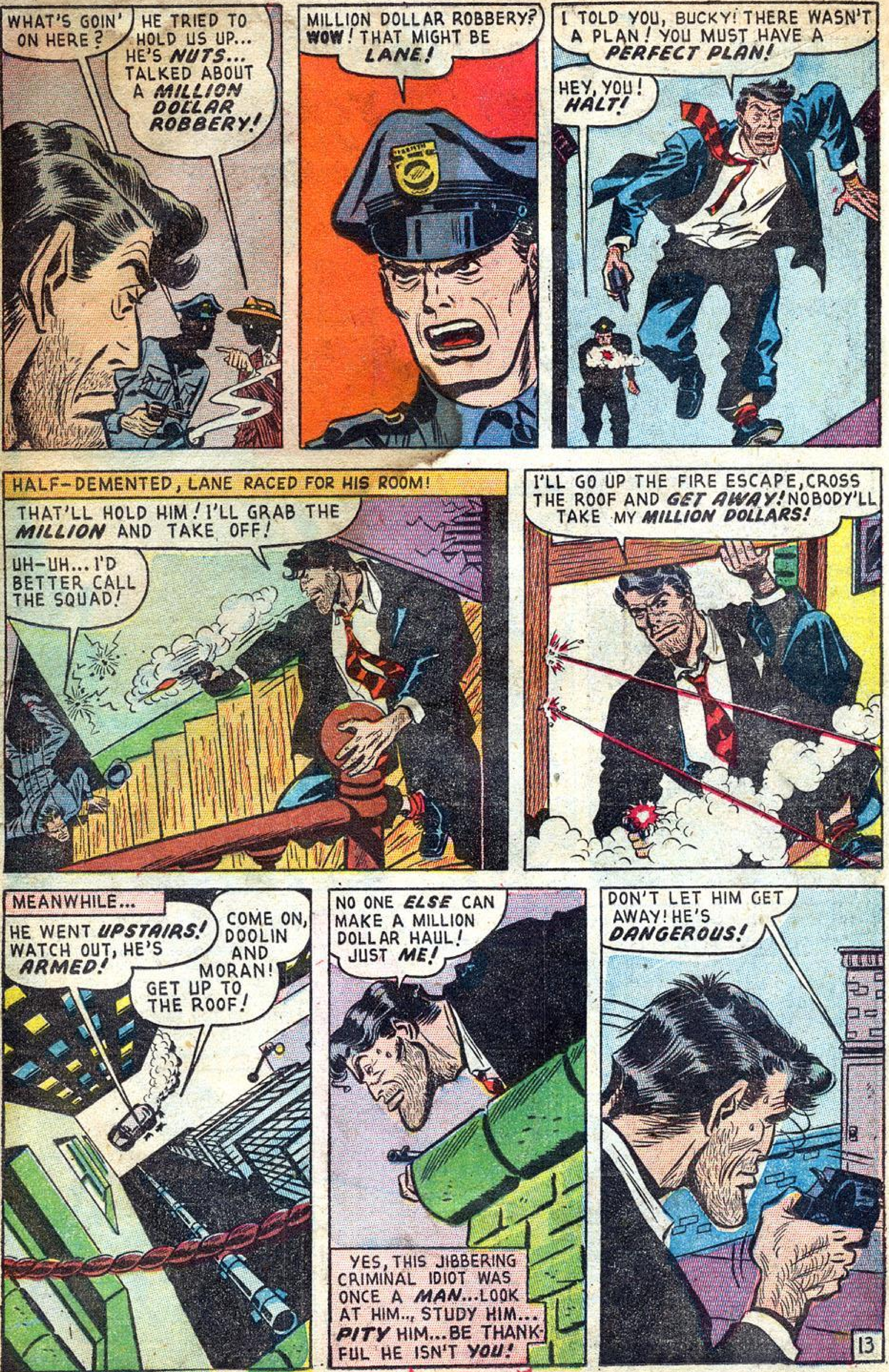
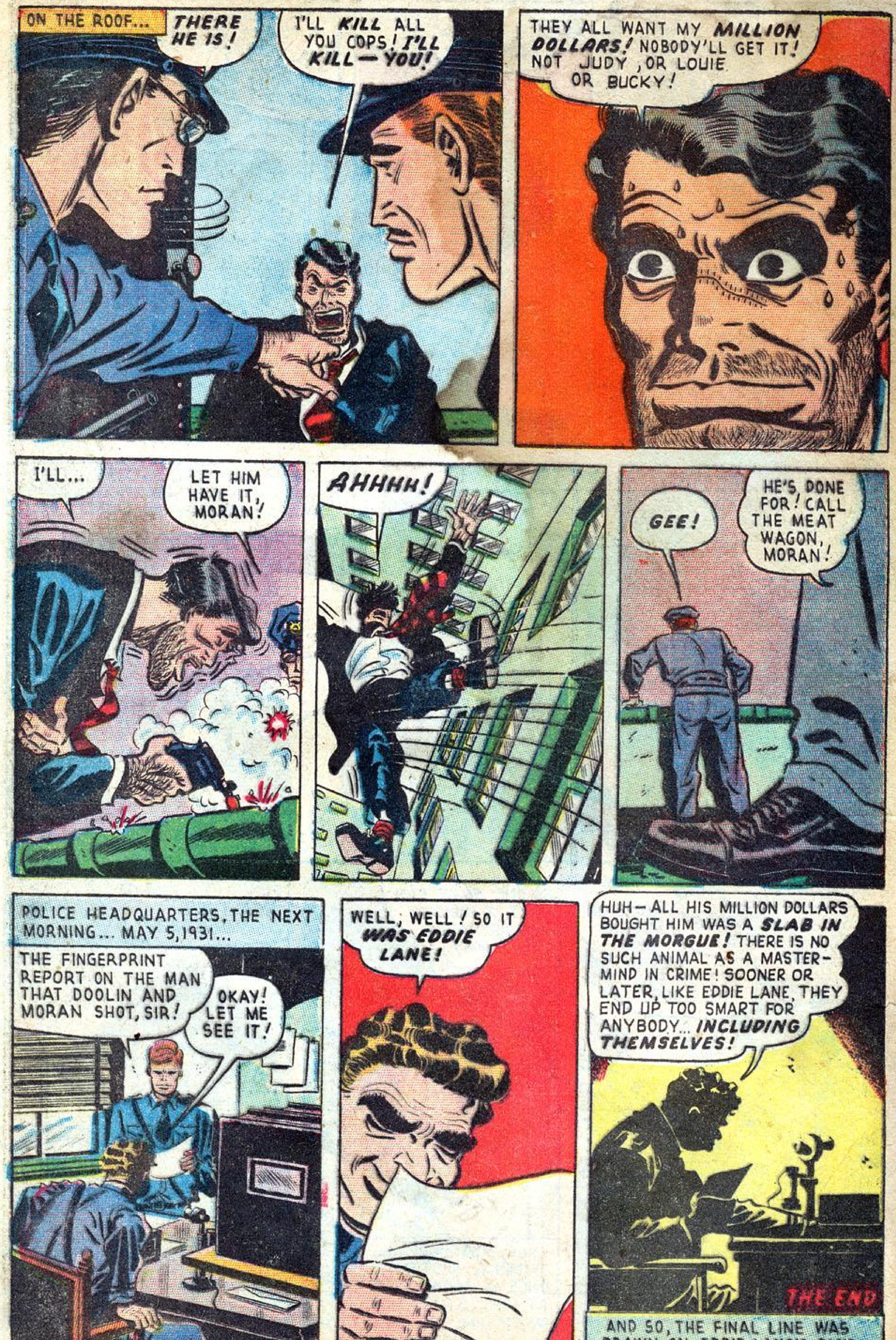
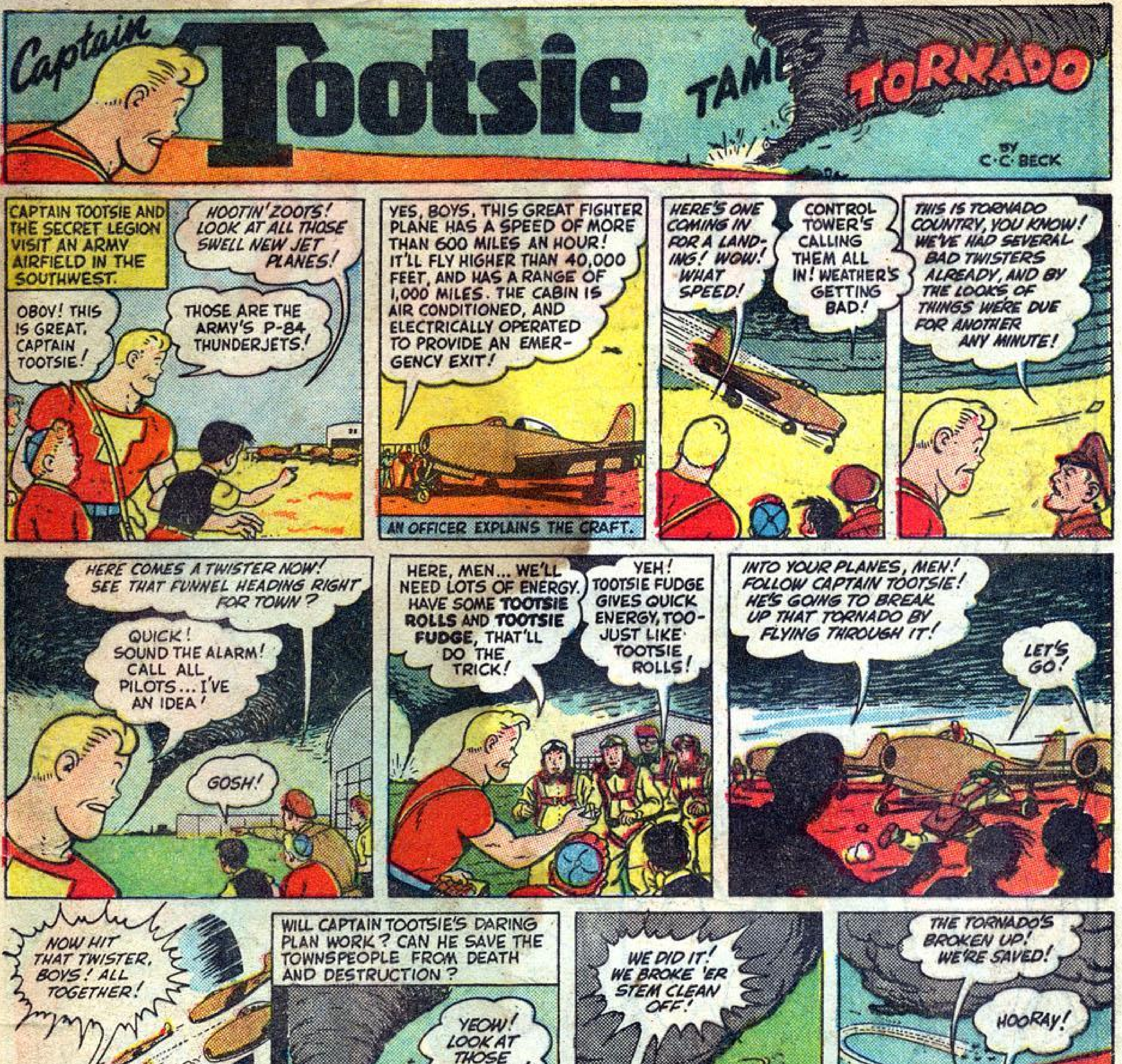

CRAZED WITH HUNGER AND FEAR, LANE'S ONCE-CLEVER MIND BEGAN TO WANDER...
I'M **HUNGRY,** NO MONEY... A **MILLION DOLLARS** IN OHIO! MUST GET MONEY FOR **FOOD...** A MILLION DOLLARS... ONCE HAD A MILLION DOLLARS!
ON THAT NIGHT, MAY 4, 1931, FATE CAUGHT UP WITH EDDIE LANE...
GOOD SHOW, WASN'T IT, PEGGIE?
YES, I'M SO GLAD WE SAW IT!
OKAY, MISTER! THIS IS A **STICK-UP!** A STICK-UP BY THE **MILLION DOLLAR BANDIT!**
HUH?
OHH!
QUICK! HAND-OVER YOUR DOUGH, OR I'LL PLUG YOU!
THE CRIMINAL'S REELING BRAIN CARRIED HIM BACK TO HIS DAYS OF GLORY...
MOVE OUT! I HAVE THE **DOUGH,** BUCKY! THINK OF IT... **A MILLION BUCKS!** JUST HAVE TO USE YOUR BRAINS, BUCKY!
PEG... HE'S NUTS! START RUNNING!
HELP! POLICE! POLICE!
HUH? WHAT? TH-THEY'RE GETTING **AWAY!**
THEY'LL GET THE **COPS!** I'LL **STOP** 'EM!
AROUND THE CORNER...
OH-OH, **TROUBLE!**
BANG! BANG!


WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
HE TRIED TO HOLD US UP... HE'S *NUTS*... TALKED ABOUT A *MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY!*
MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY? *WOW!* THAT MIGHT BE *LANE!*
I TOLD YOU, BUCKY! THERE WASN'T A PLAN! YOU MUST HAVE A *PERFECT PLAN!*
HEY, YOU! *HALT!*
HALF-DEMENTED, LANE RACED FOR HIS ROOM!
THAT'LL HOLD HIM! I'LL GRAB THE *MILLION* AND TAKE OFF!
UH-UH... I'D BETTER CALL THE SQUAD!
I'LL GO UP THE FIRE ESCAPE, CROSS THE ROOF AND *GET AWAY!* NOBODY'LL TAKE MY *MILLION DOLLARS!*
MEANWHILE...
HE WENT *UPSTAIRS!* WATCH OUT, HE'S *ARMED!*
COME ON, DOOLIN AND MORAN! GET UP TO THE ROOF!
NO ONE *ELSE* CAN MAKE A MILLION DOLLAR HAUL! JUST *ME!*
YES, THIS JIBBERING CRIMINAL IDIOT WAS ONCE A *MAN*... LOOK AT HIM.., STUDY HIM... *PITY* HIM... BE THANKFUL HE ISN'T *YOU!*
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY! HE'S *DANGEROUS!*


ON THE ROOF...
THERE HE IS!
I'LL KILL ALL YOU COPS! I'LL KILL—YOU!
THEY ALL WANT MY MILLION DOLLARS! NOBODY'LL GET IT! NOT JUDY, OR LOUIE OR BUCKY!
I'LL...
LET HIM HAVE IT, MORAN!
AHHHH!
GEE!
HE'S DONE FOR! CALL THE MEAT WAGON, MORAN!
POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE NEXT MORNING... MAY 5, 1931...
THE FINGERPRINT REPORT ON THE MAN THAT DOOLIN AND MORAN SHOT, SIR!
OKAY! LET ME SEE IT!
WELL, WELL! SO IT WAS EDDIE LANE!
HUH—ALL HIS MILLION DOLLARS BOUGHT HIM WAS A SLAB IN THE MORGUE! THERE IS NO SUCH ANIMAL AS A MASTER-MIND IN CRIME! SOONER OR LATER, LIKE EDDIE LANE, THEY END UP TOO SMART FOR ANYBODY... INCLUDING THEMSELVES!
THE END
AND SO, THE FINAL LINE WAS DRAWN ON EDDIE LANG'S BLUE-PRINT FOR TERROR!


Captain Tootsie Tames a Tornado
BY C·C·BECK
CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND THE SECRET LEGION VISIT AN ARMY AIRFIELD IN THE SOUTHWEST.
HOOTIN' ZOOTS! LOOK AT ALL THOSE SWELL NEW JET PLANES!
OBOY! THIS IS GREAT, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
THOSE ARE THE ARMY'S P-84 THUNDERJETS!
YES, BOYS, THIS GREAT FIGHTER PLANE HAS A SPEED OF MORE THAN 600 MILES AN HOUR! IT'LL FLY HIGHER THAN 40,000 FEET, AND HAS A RANGE OF 1,000 MILES. THE CABIN IS AIR CONDITIONED, AND ELECTRICALLY OPERATED TO PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY EXIT!
AN OFFICER EXPLAINS THE CRAFT.
HERE'S ONE COMING IN FOR A LANDING! WOW! WHAT SPEED!
CONTROL TOWER'S CALLING THEM ALL IN! WEATHER'S GETTING BAD!
THIS IS TORNADO COUNTRY, YOU KNOW! WE'VE HAD SEVERAL BAD TWISTERS ALREADY, AND BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS WE'RE DUE FOR ANOTHER ANY MINUTE!
HERE COMES A TWISTER NOW! SEE THAT FUNNEL HEADING RIGHT FOR TOWN?
QUICK! SOUND THE ALARM! CALL ALL PILOTS... I'VE AN IDEA!
GOSH!
HERE, MEN... WE'LL NEED LOTS OF ENERGY. HAVE SOME TOOTSIE ROLLS AND TOOTSIE FUDGE, THAT'LL DO THE TRICK!
YEH! TOOTSIE FUDGE GIVES QUICK ENERGY, TOO-JUST LIKE TOOTSIE ROLLS!
INTO YOUR PLANES, MEN! FOLLOW CAPTAIN TOOTSIE! HE'S GOING TO BREAK UP THAT TORNADO BY FLYING THROUGH IT!
LET'S GO!
NOW HIT THAT TWISTER, BOYS! ALL TOGETHER!
TAKING OFF IN TIGHT FORMATION, THE POWERFUL JET PLANES FLY TO PIT THEIR MIGHT AGAINST THE RAGING TORNADO!
WILL CAPTAIN TOOTSIE'S DARING PLAN WORK? CAN HE SAVE THE TOWNSPEOPLE FROM DEATH AND DESTRUCTION?
YEOW! LOOK AT THOSE PLANES!
RRRRRRRRRR
WE DID IT! WE BROKE 'ER STEM CLEAN OFF!
POP!
THE TORNADO'S BROKEN UP! WE'RE SAVED!
HOORAY!
WOW! WHAT A THRILL! YOUR IDEA SAVED DOZENS OF LIVES AND HOMES! YOU'RE A HERO, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
GOSH! I'M ALL IN AFTER THAT!
ANOTHER ROUND OF TOOTSIE FUDGE WILL SPARK UP OUR ENERGY AGAIN, BOYS!
YOU SURE CAN'T BEAT TOOTSIE FUDGE!
HOOTIN' ZOOTS! THAT SWELL TOOTSIE FUDGE SURE SHOOTS JETS OF QUICK ENERGY TO YOUR MUSCLES. MAKES YOU WANT TO ZOOM LIKE A REGULAR THUNDERJET YOURSELF! TOOTSIE FUDGE IS SURE RICH 'N CREAMY- JUST GOSH-A-MIGHTY GOOD! COMES IN CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA FLAVORS. GET TOOTSIE FUDGE AT YOUR FAVORITE CANDY COUNTER TODAY!
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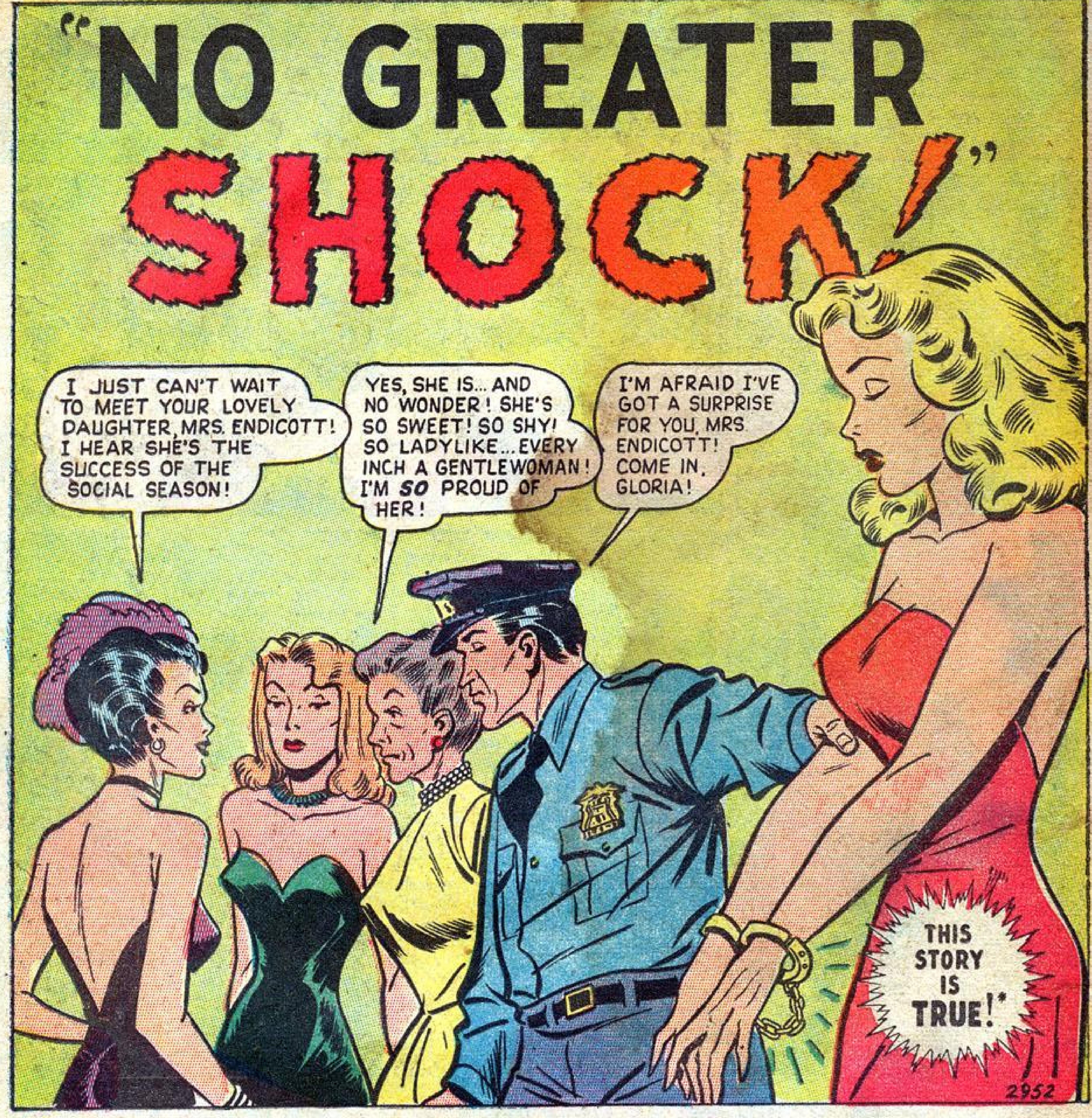
"NO GREATER SHOCK!"


I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOUR LOVELY DAUGHTER, MRS. ENDICOTT! I HEAR SHE'S THE SUCCESS OF THE SOCIAL SEASON!
YES, SHE IS... AND NO WONDER! SHE'S SO SWEET! SO SHY! SO LADYLIKE... EVERY INCH A GENTLEWOMAN! I'M *SO* PROUD OF HER!
I'M AFRAID I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU, MRS. ENDICOTT! COME IN, GLORIA!
THIS STORY IS TRUE!*
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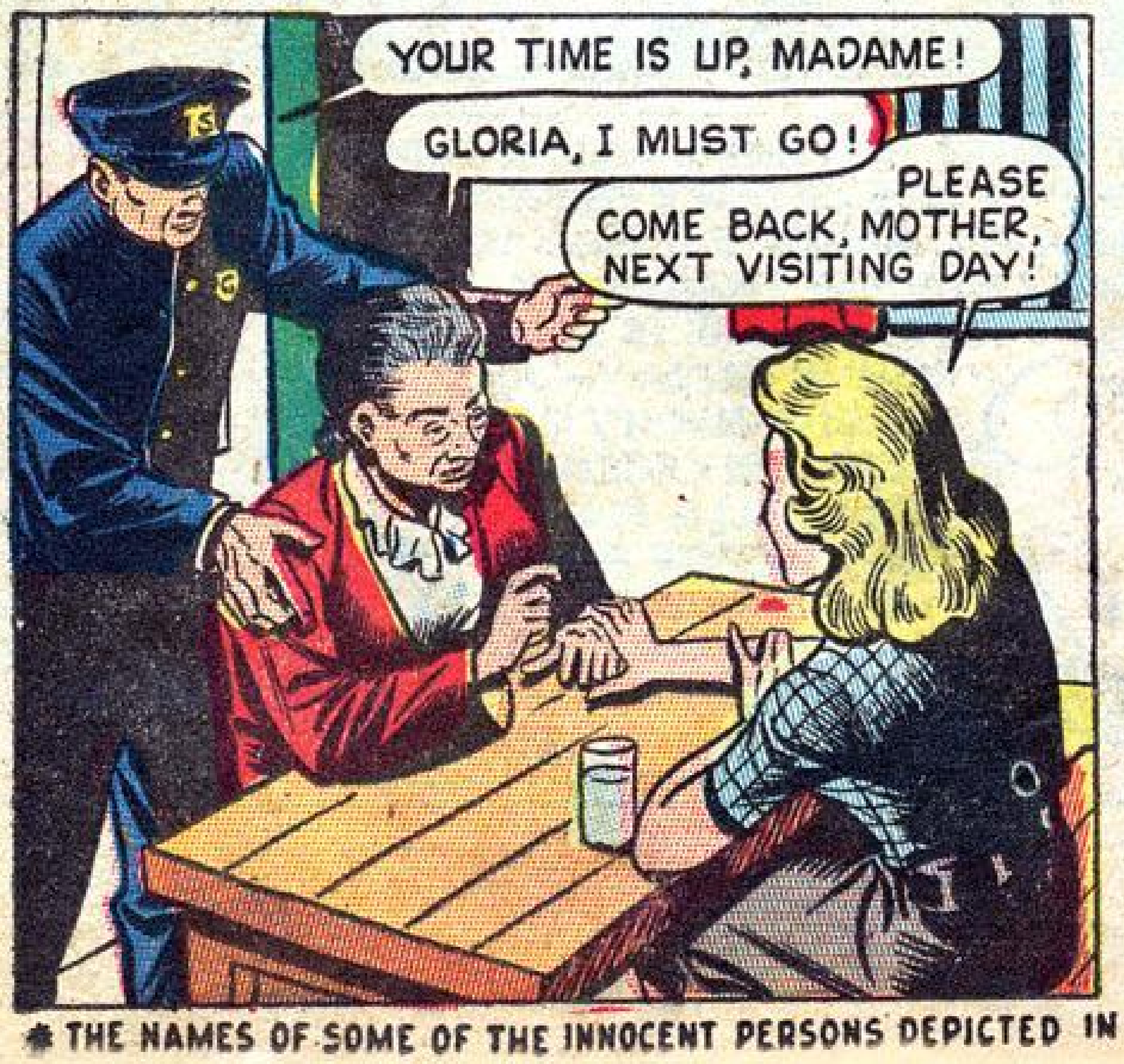
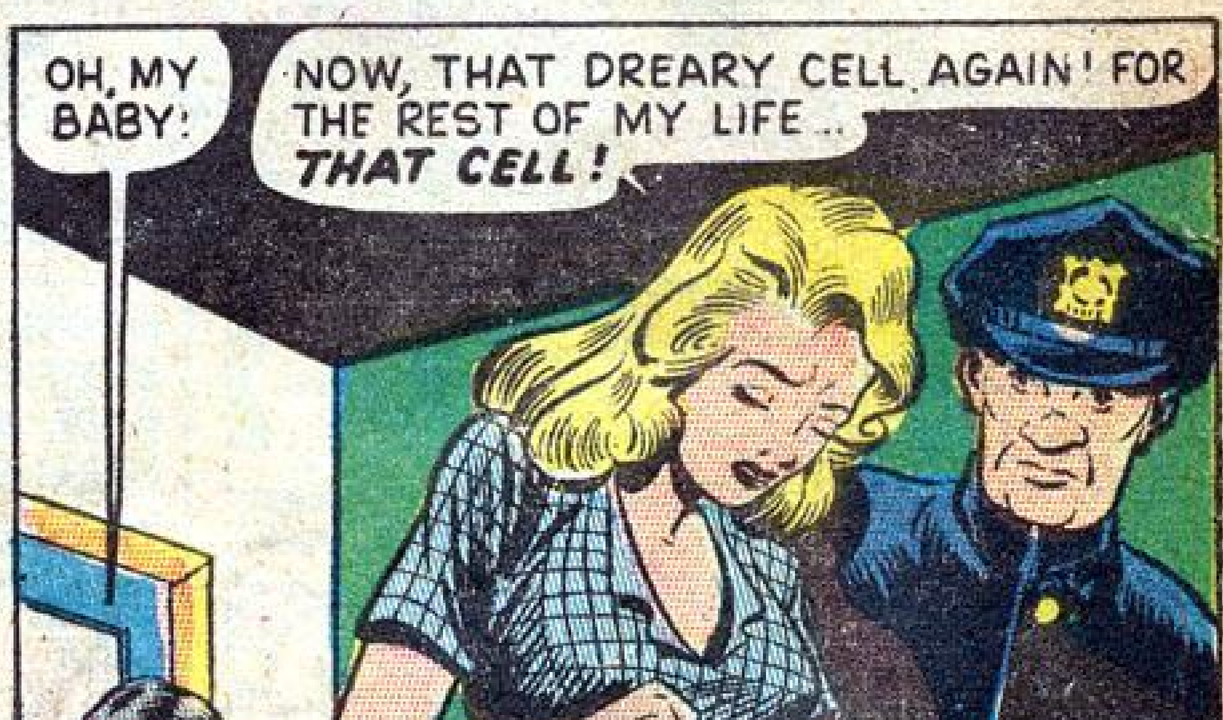
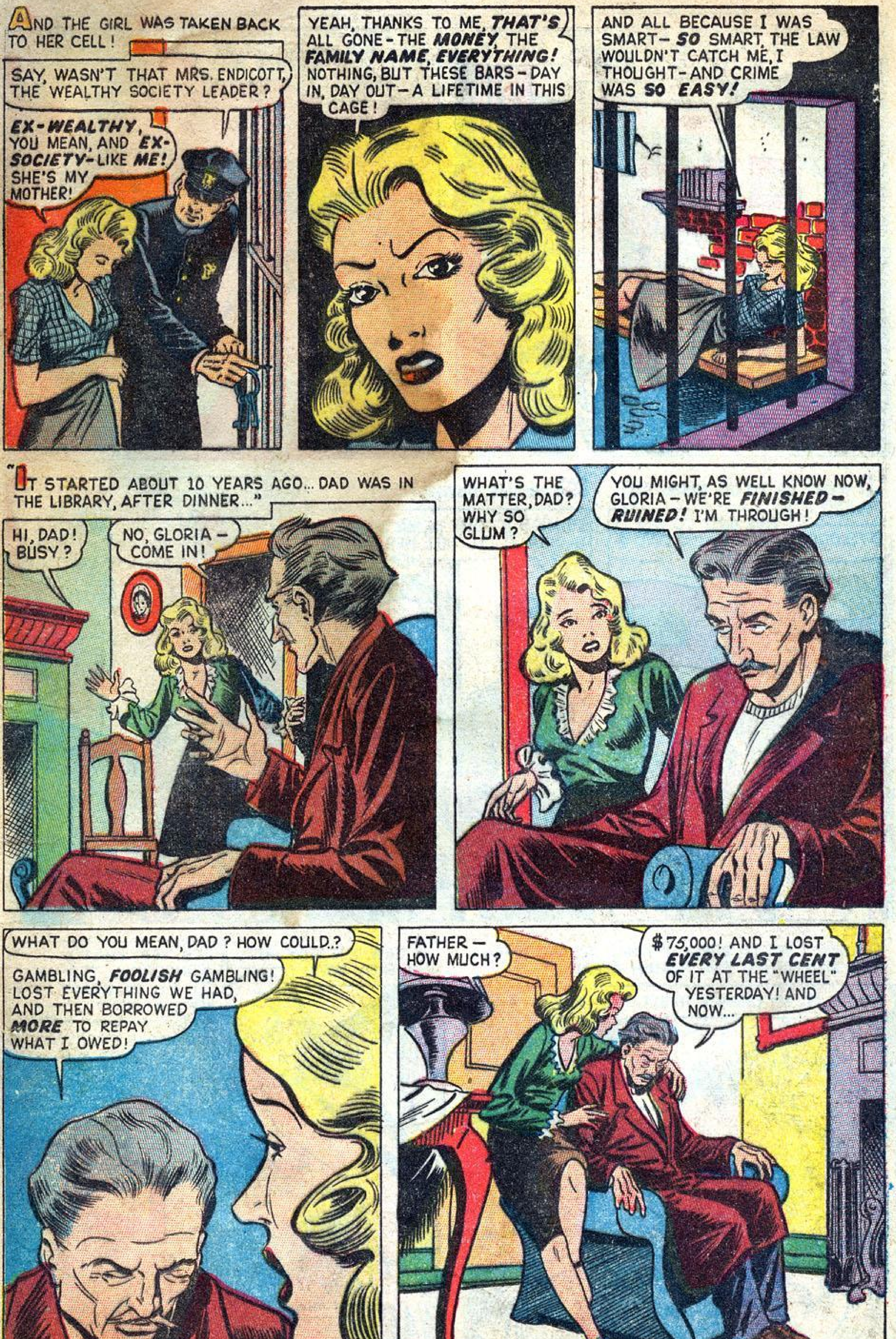
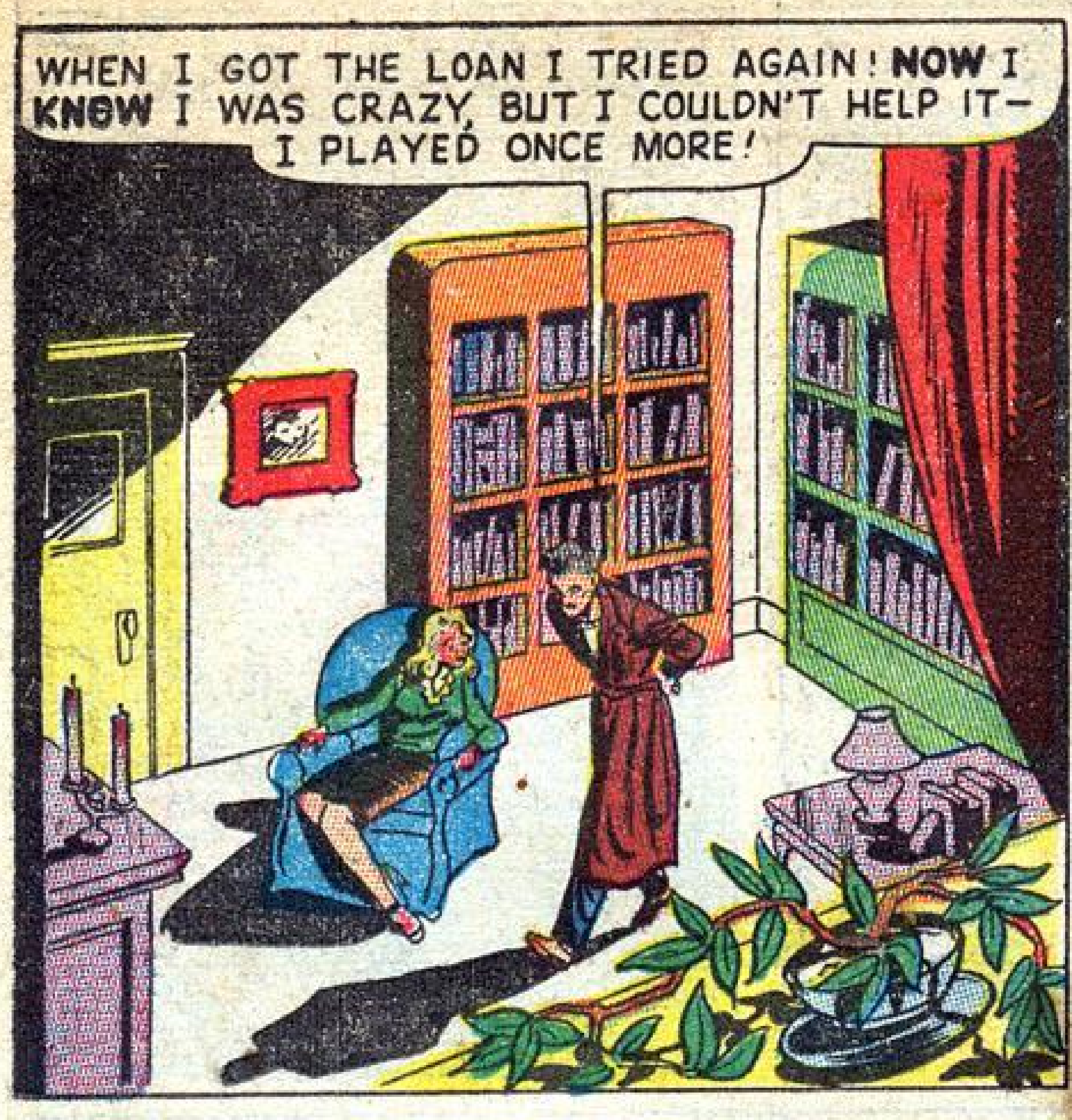
NOVEMBER 12, 1945 — VISITING DAY IN A PRISON IN UPSTATE NEW YORK...

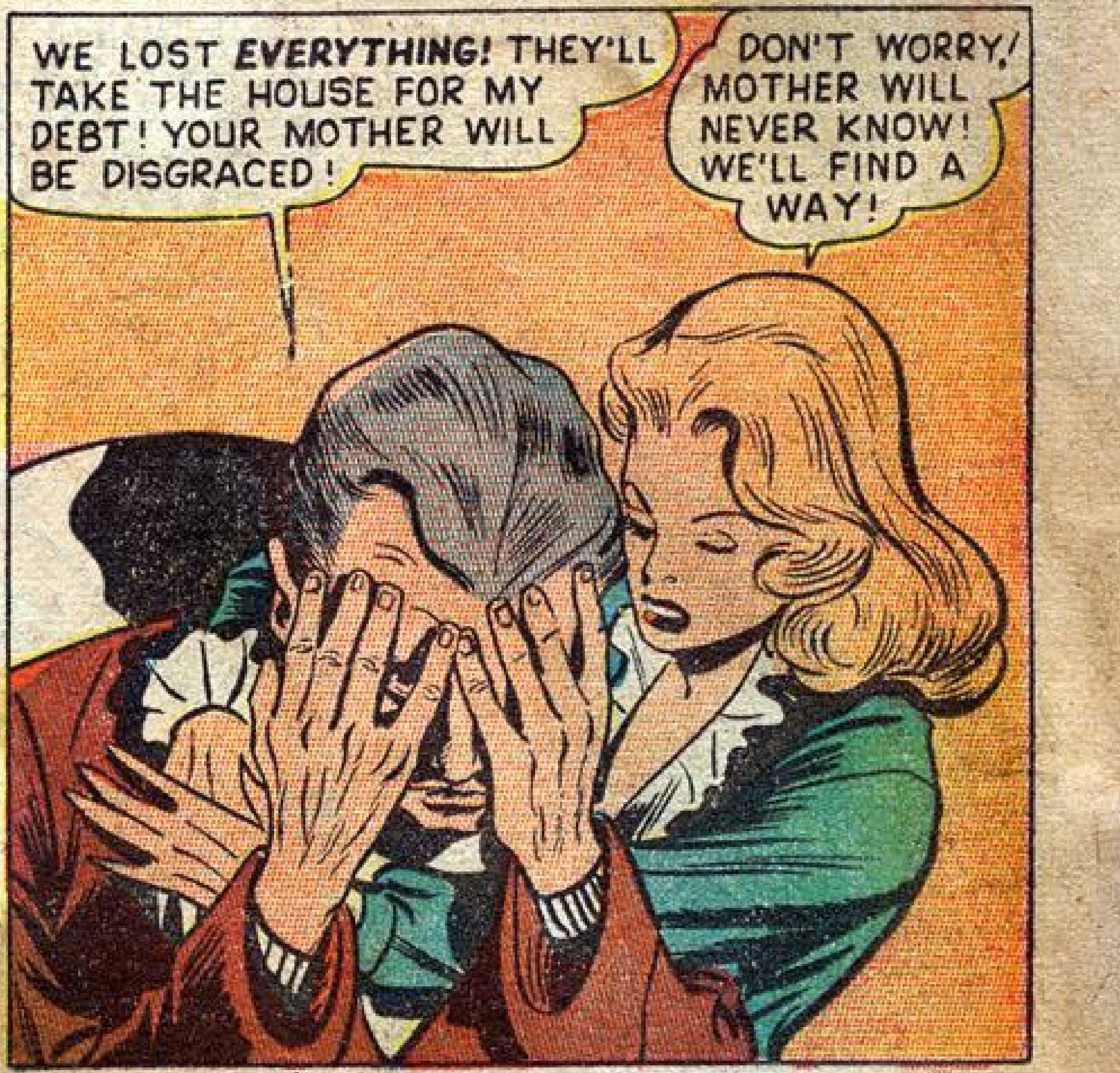

YOUR TIME IS UP, MADAME!
GLORIA, I MUST GO!
PLEASE COME BACK, MOTHER, NEXT VISITING DAY!

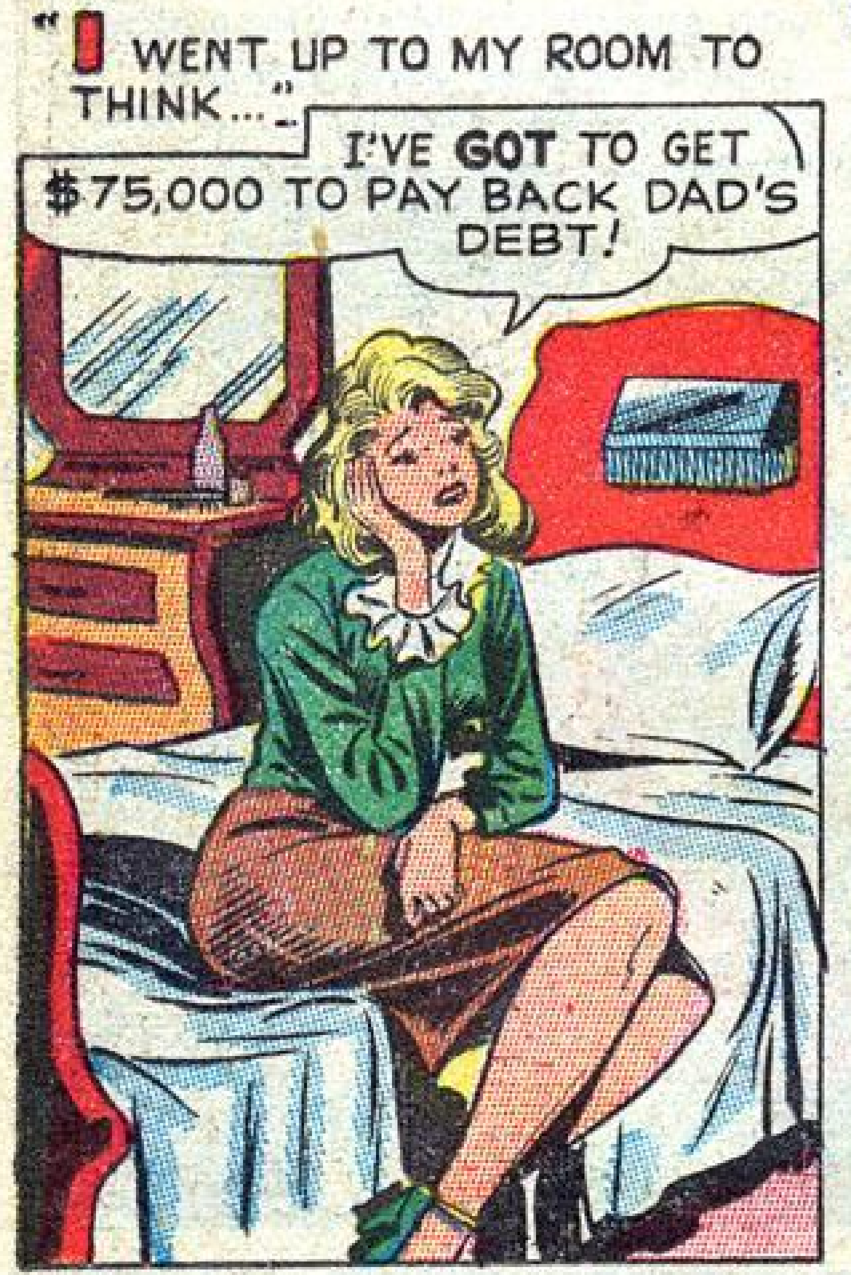

OH, MY BABY!
NOW, THAT DREARY CELL AGAIN! FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE... *THAT CELL!*

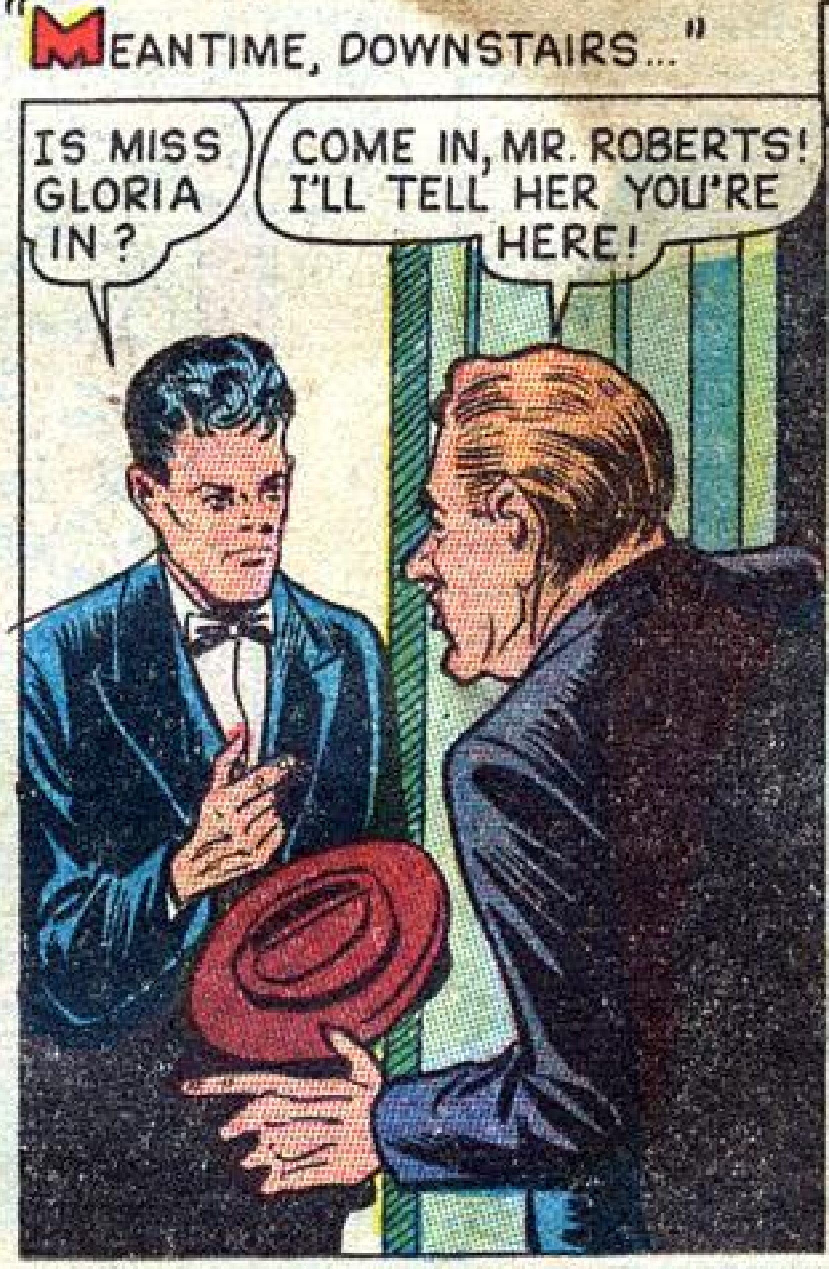
* THE NAMES OF SOME OF THE INNOCENT PERSONS DEPICTED IN THIS STORY ARE FICTITIOUS IN ORDER TO HIDE THEIR IDENTITY.

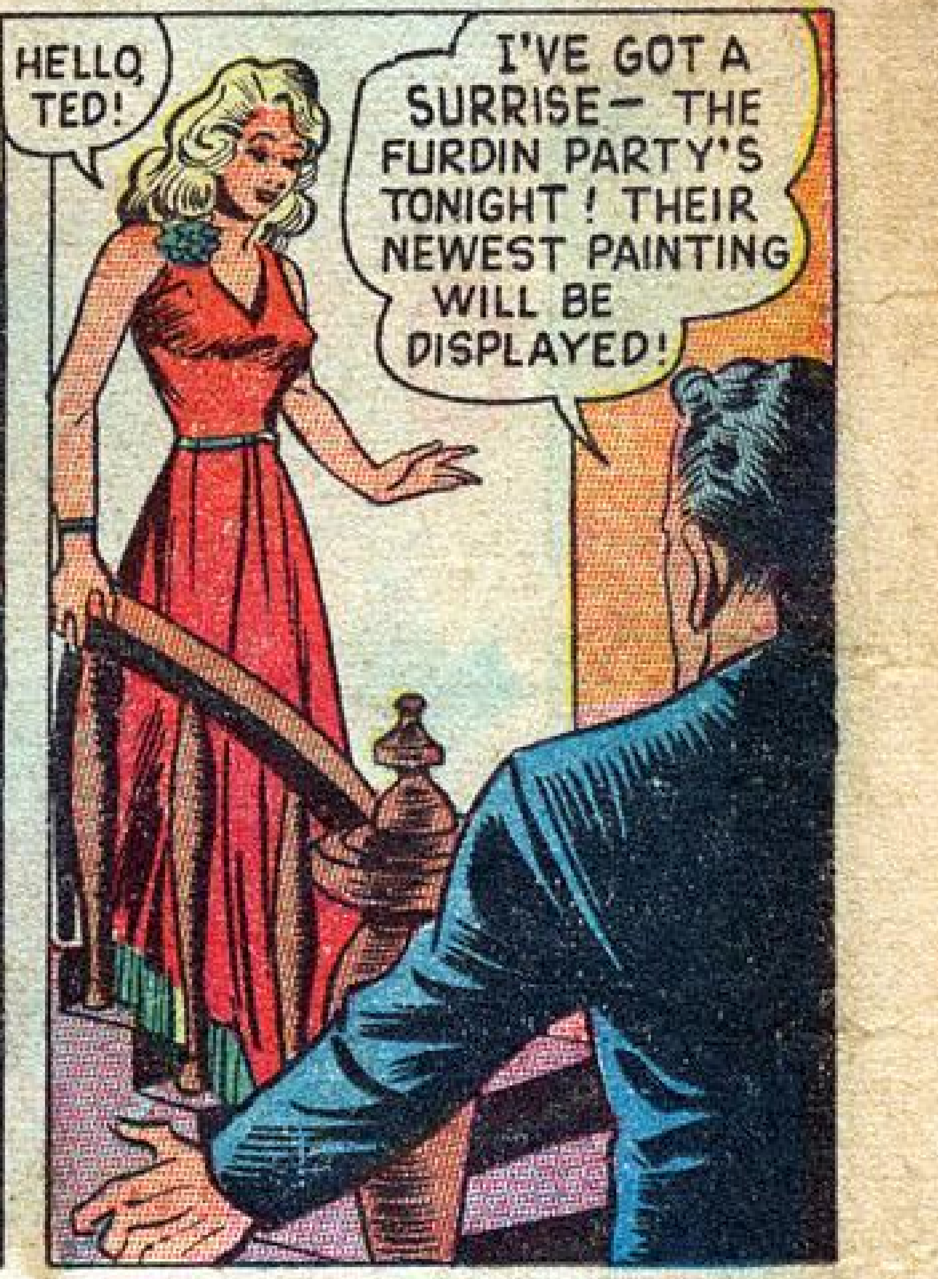

AND THE GIRL WAS TAKEN BACK TO HER CELL!
SAY, WASN'T THAT MRS. ENDICOTT, THE WEALTHY SOCIETY LEADER?
EX-WEALTHY, YOU MEAN, AND EX-SOCIETY-LIKE ME! SHE'S MY MOTHER!
YEAH, THANKS TO ME, THAT'S ALL GONE-THE MONEY, THE FAMILY NAME, EVERYTHING! NOTHING, BUT THESE BARS-DAY IN, DAY OUT-A LIFETIME IN THIS CAGE!
AND ALL BECAUSE I WAS SMART-SO SMART, THE LAW WOULDN'T CATCH ME, I THOUGHT-AND CRIME WAS SO EASY!
"IT STARTED ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO... DAD WAS IN THE LIBRARY, AFTER DINNER..."
HI, DAD! BUSY?
NO, GLORIA-COME IN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DAD? WHY SO GLUM?
YOU MIGHT, AS WELL KNOW NOW, GLORIA-WE'RE FINISHED-RUINED! I'M THROUGH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DAD? HOW COULD..?
GAMBLING, FOOLISH GAMBLING! LOST EVERYTHING WE HAD, AND THEN BORROWED MORE TO REPAY WHAT I OWED!
FATHER-HOW MUCH?
$75,000! AND I LOST EVERY LAST CENT OF IT AT THE "WHEEL" YESTERDAY! AND NOW...

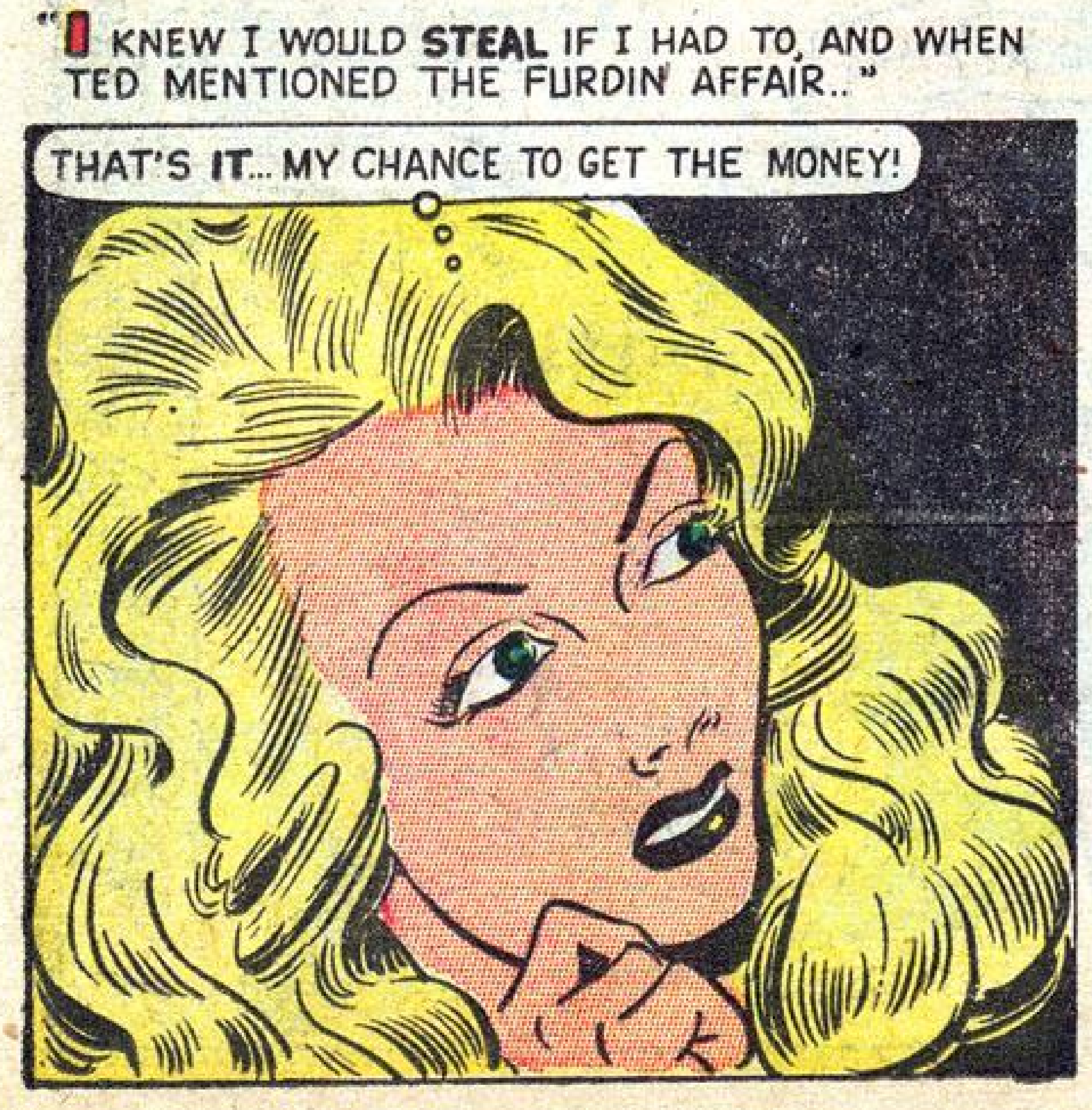

WHEN I GOT THE LOAN I TRIED AGAIN! NOW I KNOW I WAS CRAZY, BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT— I PLAYED ONCE MORE!

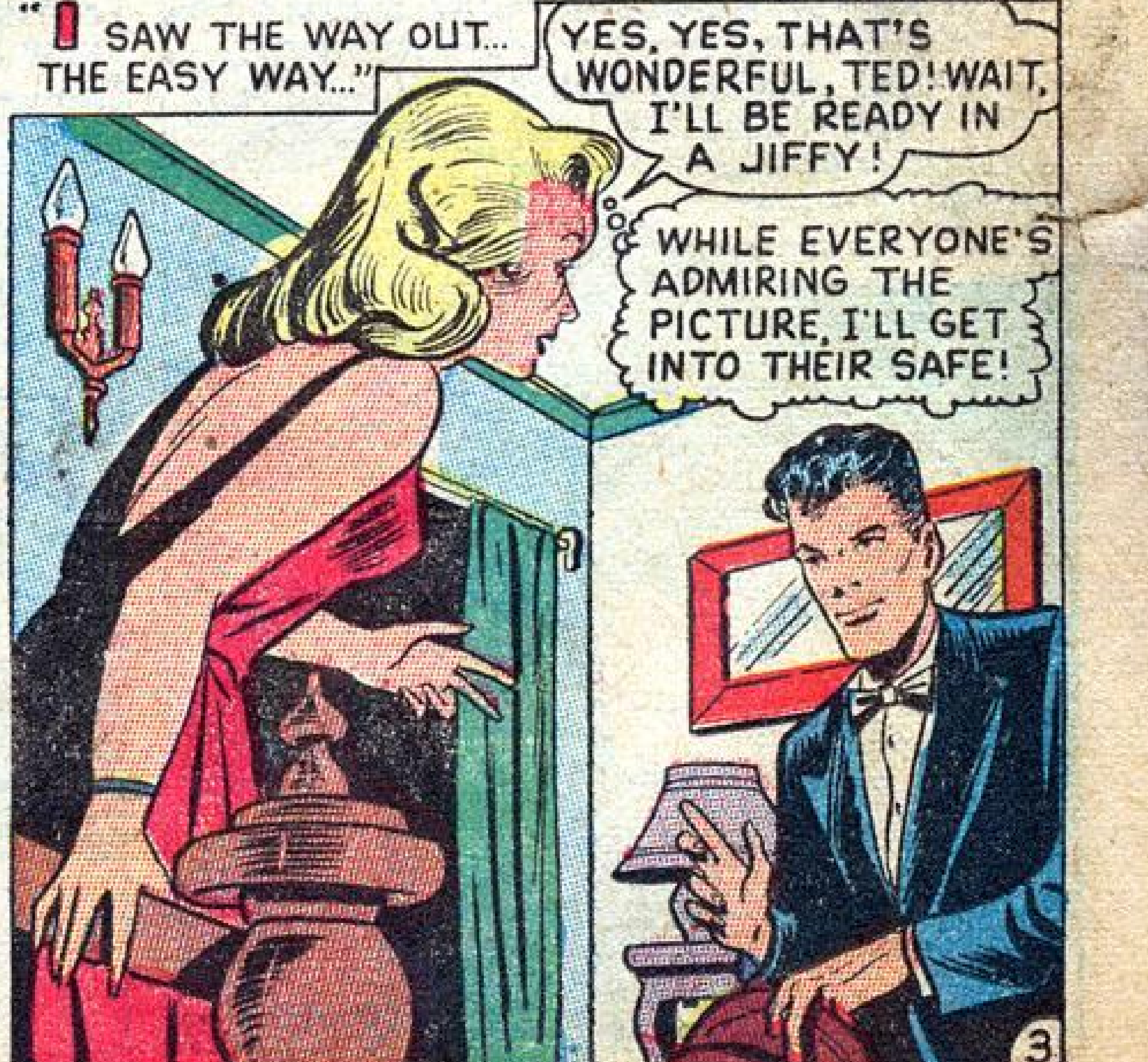

WE LOST EVERYTHING! THEY'LL TAKE THE HOUSE FOR MY DEBT! YOUR MOTHER WILL BE DISGRACED!
DON'T WORRY! MOTHER WILL NEVER KNOW! WE'LL FIND A WAY!

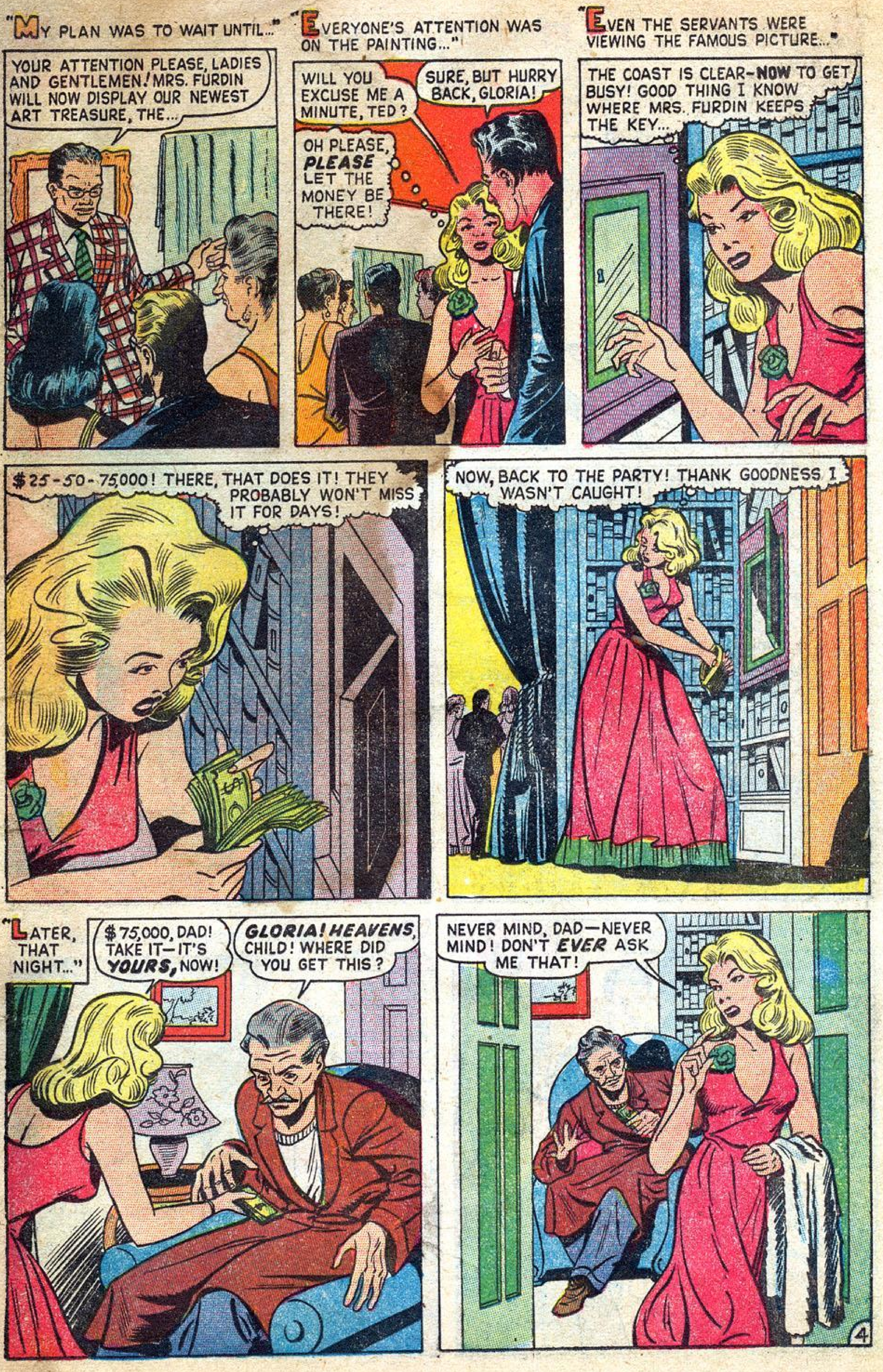

"I WENT UP TO MY ROOM TO THINK..."
I'VE GOT TO GET $75,000 TO PAY BACK DAD'S DEBT!

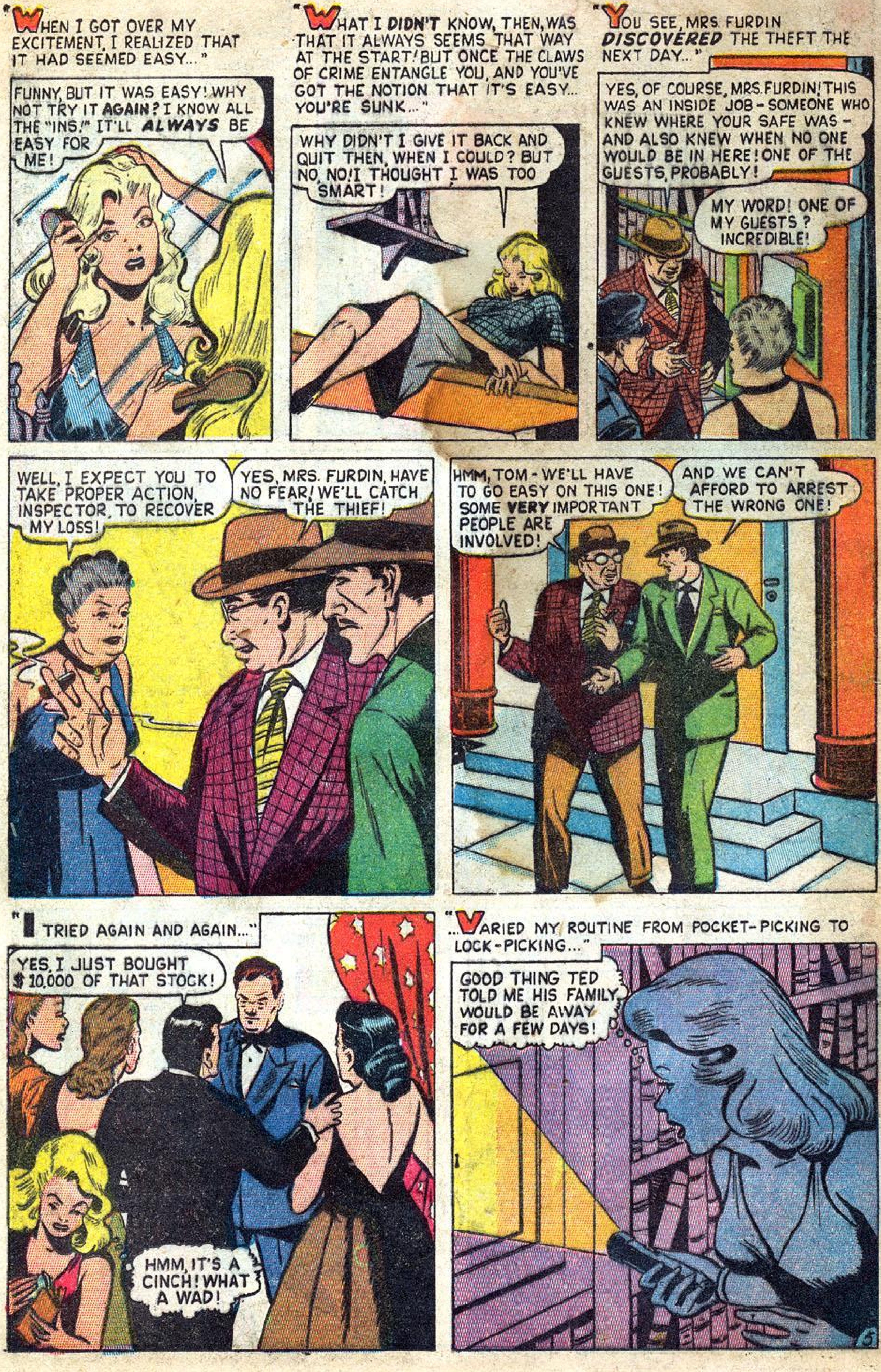

"MEANTIME, DOWNSTAIRS..."
IS MISS GLORIA IN?
COME IN, MR. ROBERTS! I'LL TELL HER YOU'RE HERE!

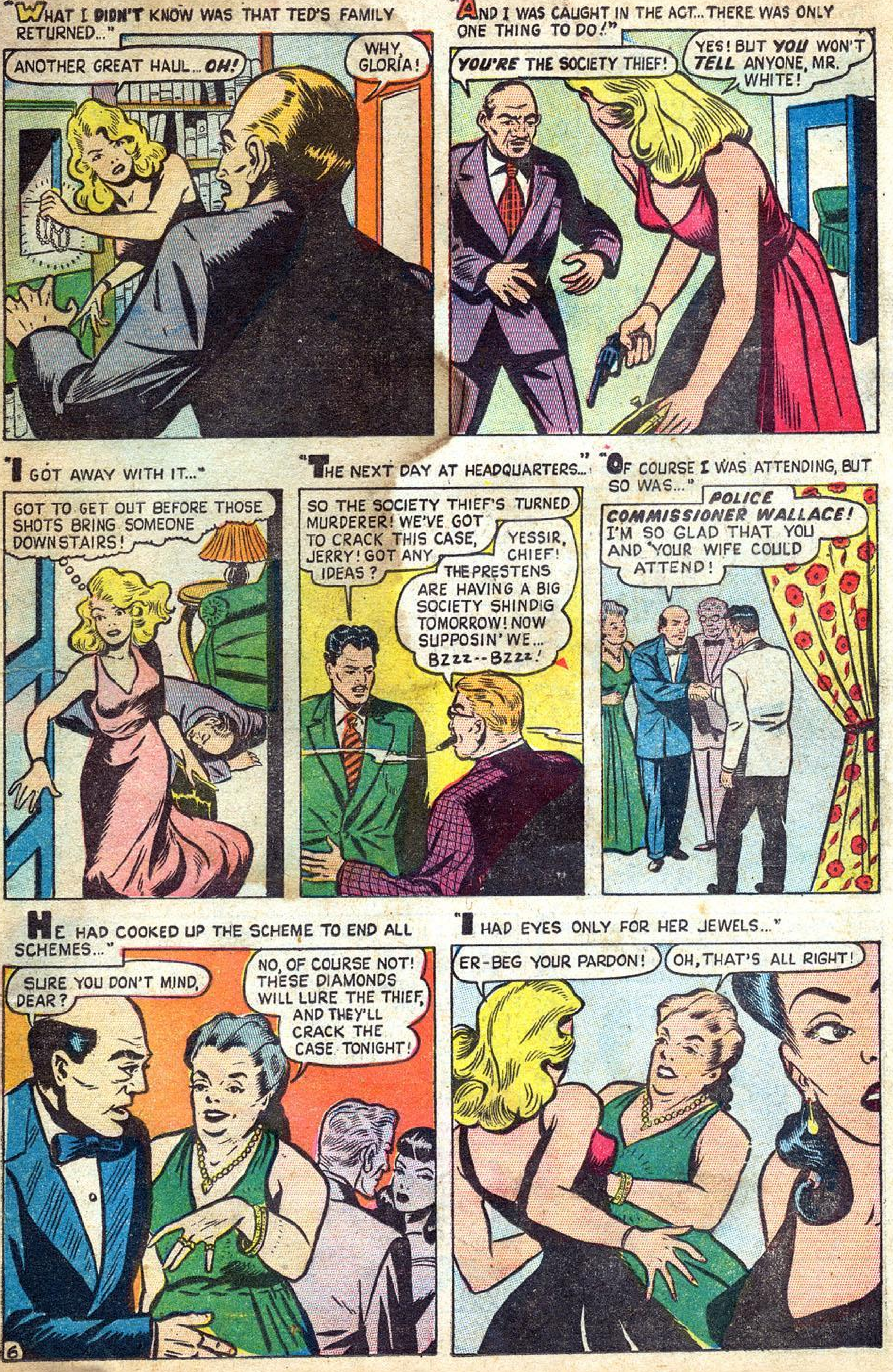

HELLO, TED!
I'VE GOT A SURRISE— THE FURDIN PARTY'S TONIGHT! THEIR NEWEST PAINTING WILL BE DISPLAYED!

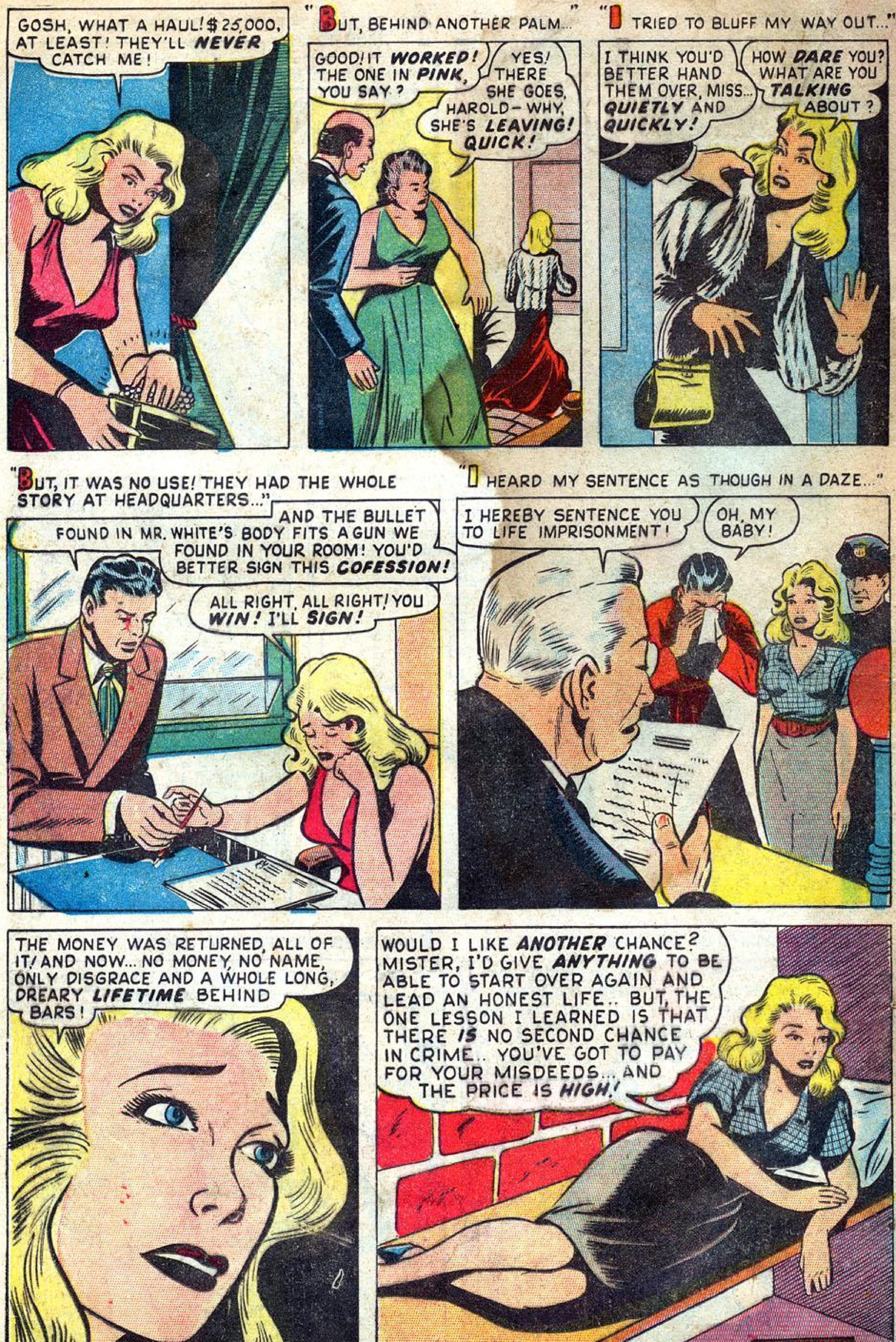

"I KNEW I WOULD STEAL IF I HAD TO, AND WHEN TED MENTIONED THE FURDIN AFFAIR.."
THAT'S IT... MY CHANCE TO GET THE MONEY!


"I SAW THE WAY OUT... THE EASY WAY..."
YES, YES, THAT'S WONDERFUL, TED! WAIT, I'LL BE READY IN A JIFFY!
WHILE EVERYONE'S ADMIRING THE PICTURE, I'LL GET INTO THEIR SAFE!


"MY PLAN WAS TO WAIT UNTIL..."
YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! MRS. FURDIN WILL NOW DISPLAY OUR NEWEST ART TREASURE, THE...
"EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WAS ON THE PAINTING..."
WILL YOU EXCUSE ME A MINUTE, TED?
SURE, BUT HURRY BACK, GLORIA!
OH PLEASE, PLEASE LET THE MONEY BE THERE!
"EVEN THE SERVANTS WERE VIEWING THE FAMOUS PICTURE..."
THE COAST IS CLEAR—NOW TO GET BUSY! GOOD THING I KNOW WHERE MRS. FURDIN KEEPS THE KEY...
$25-50-75,000! THERE, THAT DOES IT! THEY PROBABLY WON'T MISS IT FOR DAYS!
NOW, BACK TO THE PARTY! THANK GOODNESS I WASN'T CAUGHT!
"LATER, THAT NIGHT..."
$75,000, DAD! TAKE IT—IT'S YOURS, NOW!
GLORIA! HEAVENS, CHILD! WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
NEVER MIND, DAD—NEVER MIND! DON'T EVER ASK ME THAT!


"WHEN I GOT OVER MY EXCITEMENT, I REALIZED THAT IT HAD SEEMED EASY..."
FUNNY, BUT IT WAS EASY! WHY NOT TRY IT **AGAIN?** I KNOW ALL THE "INS." IT'LL **ALWAYS** BE EASY FOR ME!
"WHAT I **DIDN'T** KNOW, THEN, WAS THAT IT ALWAYS SEEMS THAT WAY AT THE START! BUT ONCE THE CLAWS OF CRIME ENTANGLE YOU, AND YOU'VE GOT THE NOTION THAT IT'S EASY... YOU'RE **SUNK**..."
WHY DIDN'T I GIVE IT BACK AND QUIT THEN, WHEN I COULD? BUT NO, NO! I THOUGHT I WAS TOO SMART!
"YOU SEE, MRS FURDIN **DISCOVERED** THE THEFT THE NEXT DAY..."
YES, OF COURSE, MRS. FURDIN! THIS WAS AN INSIDE JOB - SOMEONE WHO KNEW WHERE YOUR SAFE WAS - AND ALSO KNEW WHEN NO ONE WOULD BE IN HERE! ONE OF THE GUESTS, PROBABLY!
MY WORD! ONE OF MY GUESTS? INCREDIBLE!
WELL, I EXPECT YOU TO TAKE PROPER ACTION, INSPECTOR, TO RECOVER MY LOSS!
YES, MRS. FURDIN, HAVE NO FEAR! WE'LL CATCH THE THIEF!
HMM, TOM - WE'LL HAVE TO GO EASY ON THIS ONE! SOME **VERY** IMPORTANT PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED!
AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO ARREST THE WRONG ONE!
"I TRIED AGAIN AND AGAIN..."
YES, I JUST BOUGHT $10,000 OF THAT STOCK!
HMM, IT'S A CINCH! WHAT A WAD!
"...VARIED MY ROUTINE FROM POCKET-PICKING TO LOCK-PICKING..."
GOOD THING TED TOLD ME HIS FAMILY WOULD BE AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS!


"WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT TED'S FAMILY RETURNED..."
ANOTHER GREAT HAUL...OH!
WHY, GLORIA!
"AND I WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT... THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO!"
YOU'RE THE SOCIETY THIEF!
YES! BUT YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE, MR. WHITE!
"I GOT AWAY WITH IT..."
GOT TO GET OUT BEFORE THOSE SHOTS BRING SOMEONE DOWNSTAIRS!
"THE NEXT DAY AT HEADQUARTERS..."
SO THE SOCIETY THIEF'S TURNED MURDERER! WE'VE GOT TO CRACK THIS CASE, JERRY! GOT ANY IDEAS?
YESSIR, CHIEF! THE PRESTENS ARE HAVING A BIG SOCIETY SHINDIG TOMORROW! NOW SUPPOSIN' WE... BZzz--BZzz!
"OF COURSE I WAS ATTENDING, BUT SO WAS..."
POLICE COMMISSIONER WALLACE! I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU AND YOUR WIFE COULD ATTEND!
"HE HAD COOKED UP THE SCHEME TO END ALL SCHEMES..."
SURE YOU DON'T MIND, DEAR?
NO, OF COURSE NOT! THESE DIAMONDS WILL LURE THE THIEF, AND THEY'LL CRACK THE CASE TONIGHT!
"I HAD EYES ONLY FOR HER JEWELS..."
ER-BEG YOUR PARDON!
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT!


GOSH, WHAT A HAUL! $25,000, AT LEAST! THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME!
"BUT, BEHIND ANOTHER PALM..."
GOOD! IT WORKED! THE ONE IN PINK, YOU SAY?
YES! THERE SHE GOES, HAROLD– WHY, SHE'S LEAVING! QUICK!
"I TRIED TO BLUFF MY WAY OUT..."
I THINK YOU'D BETTER HAND THEM OVER, MISS... QUIETLY AND QUICKLY!
HOW DARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
"BUT, IT WAS NO USE! THEY HAD THE WHOLE STORY AT HEADQUARTERS..."
AND THE BULLET FOUND IN MR. WHITE'S BODY FITS A GUN WE FOUND IN YOUR ROOM! YOU'D BETTER SIGN THIS COFESSION!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN! I'LL SIGN!
"I HEARD MY SENTENCE AS THOUGH IN A DAZE..."
I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT!
OH, MY BABY!
THE MONEY WAS RETURNED, ALL OF IT! AND NOW... NO MONEY, NO NAME, ONLY DISGRACE AND A WHOLE LONG, DREARY LIFETIME BEHIND BARS!
WOULD I LIKE ANOTHER CHANCE? MISTER, I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO BE ABLE TO START OVER AGAIN AND LEAD AN HONEST LIFE.. BUT, THE ONE LESSON I LEARNED IS THAT THERE IS NO SECOND CHANCE IN CRIME.. YOU'VE GOT TO PAY FOR YOUR MISDEEDS... AND THE PRICE IS HIGH!
THE END

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Use of postage stamps to commemorate events of historical significance and happenings in careers of past and living persons is more and more becoming popular with Governmental postal administrations. During 1947, for example, more than one-fourth of all stamps issued are commemoratives, released in more than seventy-countries; and indications are that the same pace will be maintained during 1948. Here are just a few samples of what collectors may expect this year in the way of commemoratives:

At Washington will be printed a "Four Chaplains Memorial" stamp honoring the four chaplains, each an Army First Lieutenant, who gave their lives when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in February, 1943. They were George L. Fox, Methodist; Alexander Goode, Jewish; Clark V. Poling, Baptist; John P. Washington, Roman Catholic. They were last seen with arms locked, and praying, as the ship foundered. They had given their life jackets to soldiers. The stamp will be issued partly "in the interest of religious tolerance."

Great Britain will commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on April 26 with 2½-pence and 1 pound stamps. In May will appear 1p and 2½p to mark an anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands from German occupation during the war. In July there will be 2½p, 3p, 6p and 1-shilling items for the Olympic Games. Several other Governments are postally commemorating the sports contests.

An April issue scheduled by Czechoslovakia comprises 1.50-korona, 2k and 3k stamps to mark the 600th anniversary of the establishing of Charles University by Charles IV (1316-1378), in Prague.

Canal Zone is issuing on April 17 a 10-cent stamp for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Canal Zone Biographical Area, on Barro Colorado Island in man-made Gatun Lake. The region is one where flora and fauna of a tropical forest are preserved and made accessible to scientists for study.

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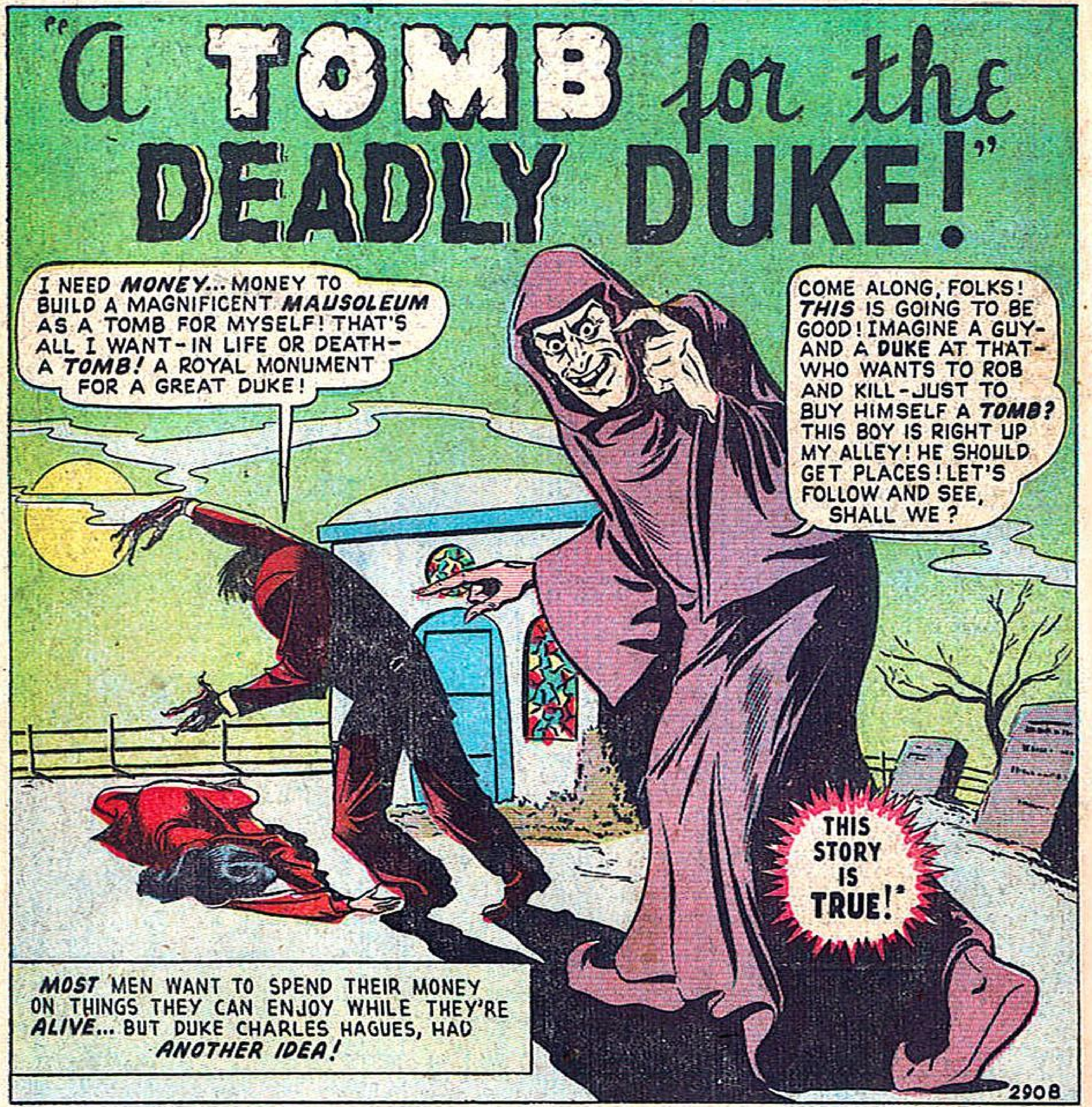
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THIS STORY IS TRUE!*
MOST MEN WANT TO SPEND THEIR MONEY ON THINGS THEY CAN ENJOY WHILE THEY'RE *ALIVE*... BUT DUKE CHARLES HAGUES, HAD *ANOTHER IDEA!*
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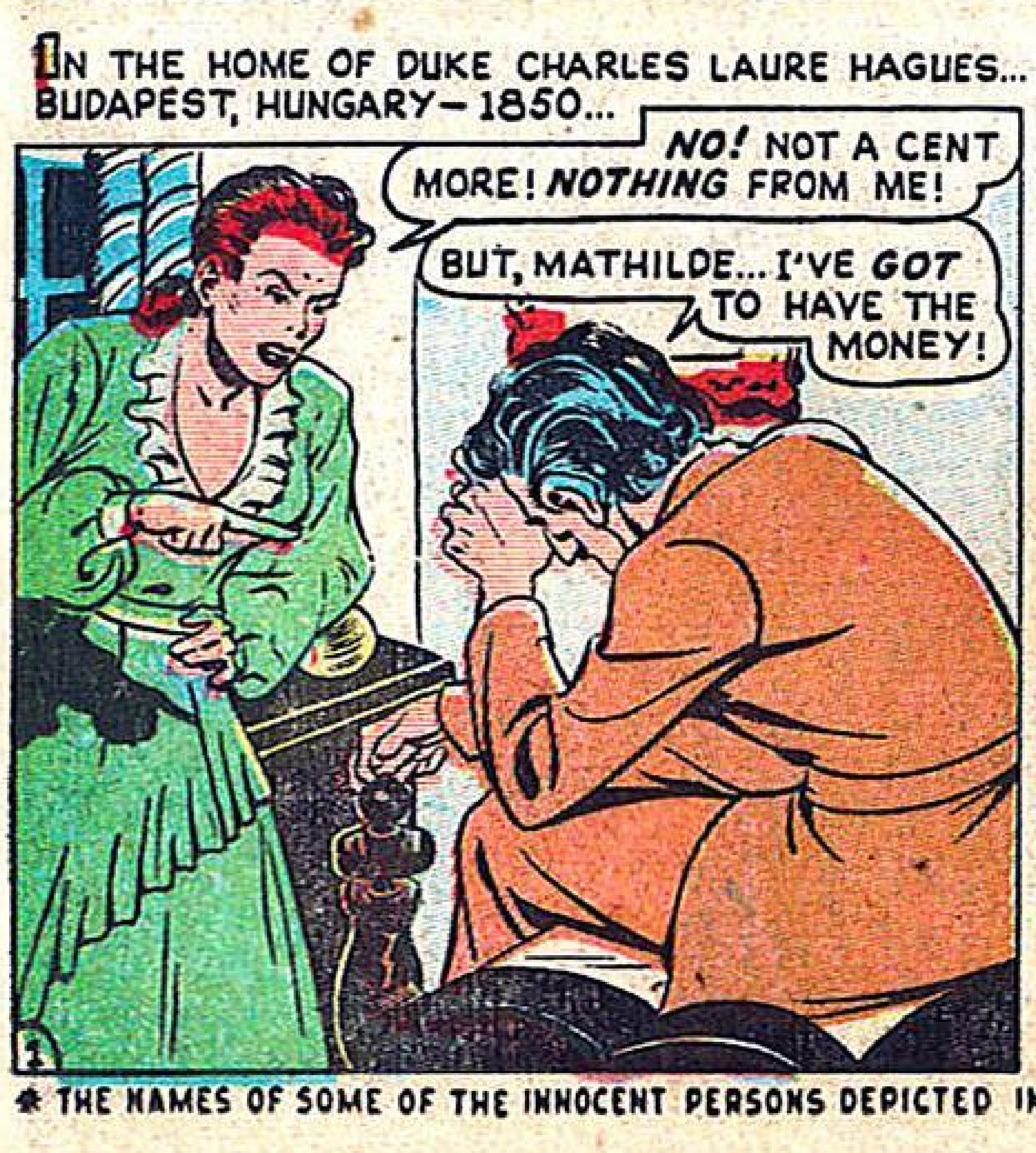
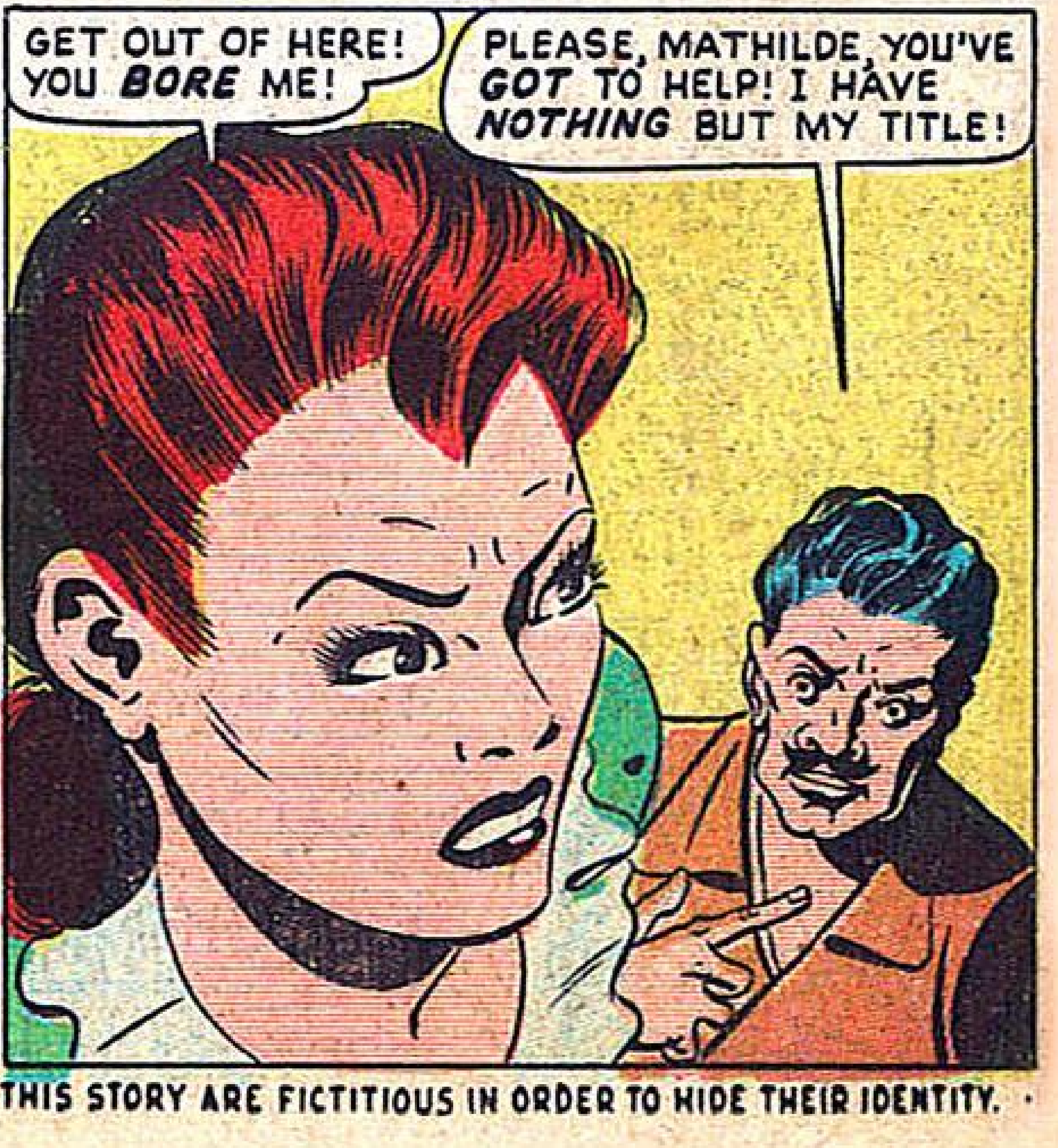

1 IN THE HOME OF DUKE CHARLES LAURE HAGUES... BUDAPEST, HUNGARY-1850...
NO! NOT A CENT MORE! *NOTHING* FROM ME!
BUT, MATHILDE... I'VE *GOT* TO HAVE THE MONEY!


GET OUT OF HERE! YOU *BORE* ME!
PLEASE, MATHILDE, YOU'VE *GOT* TO HELP! I HAVE *NOTHING* BUT MY TITLE!

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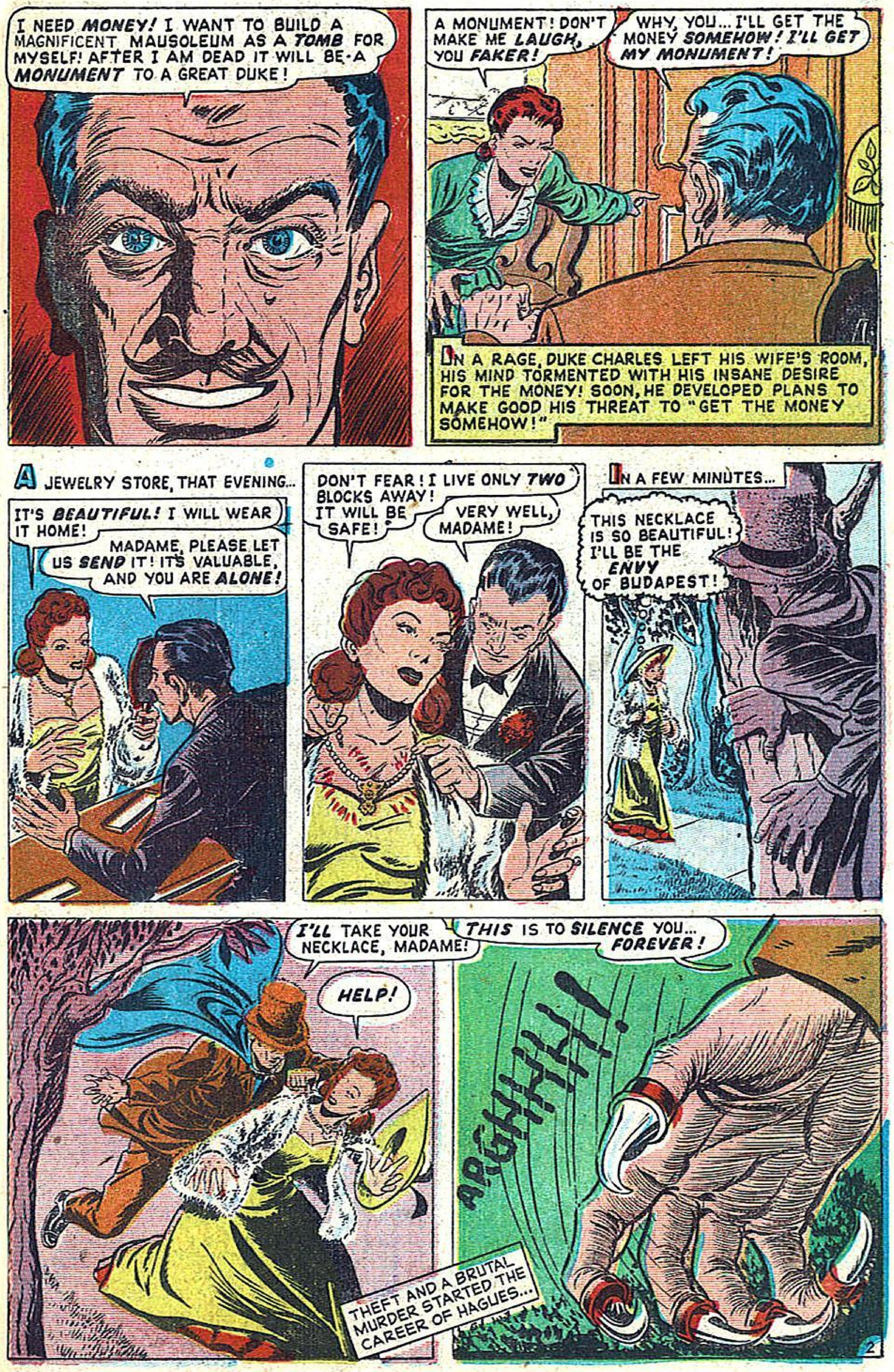
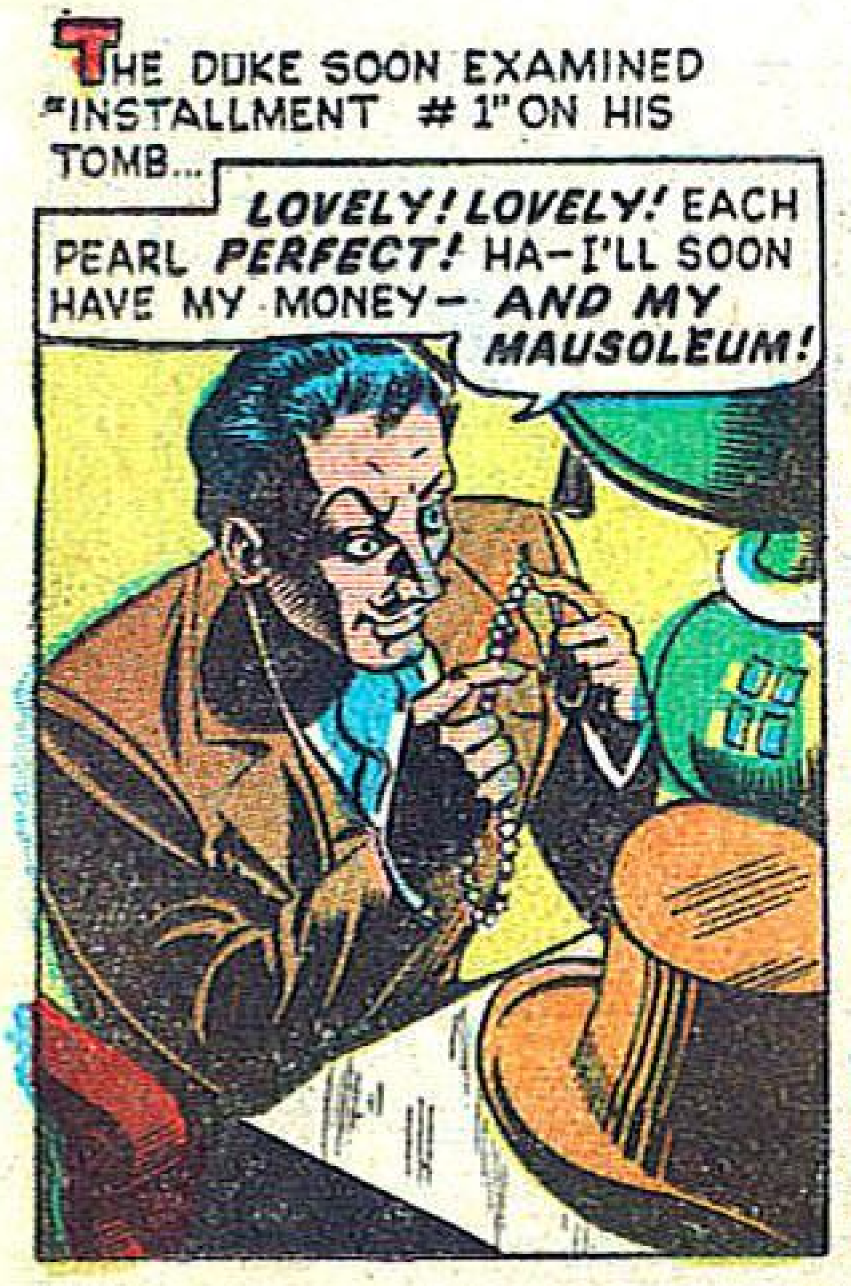
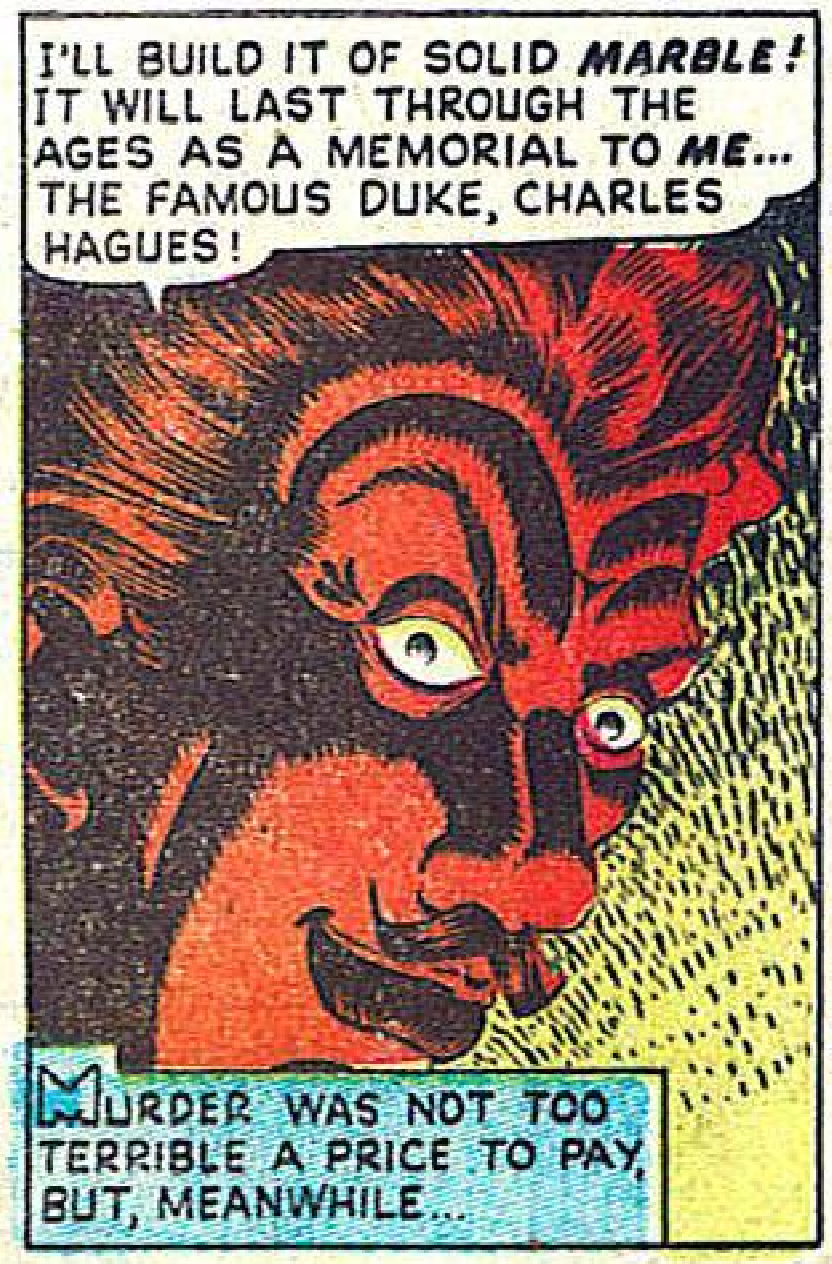
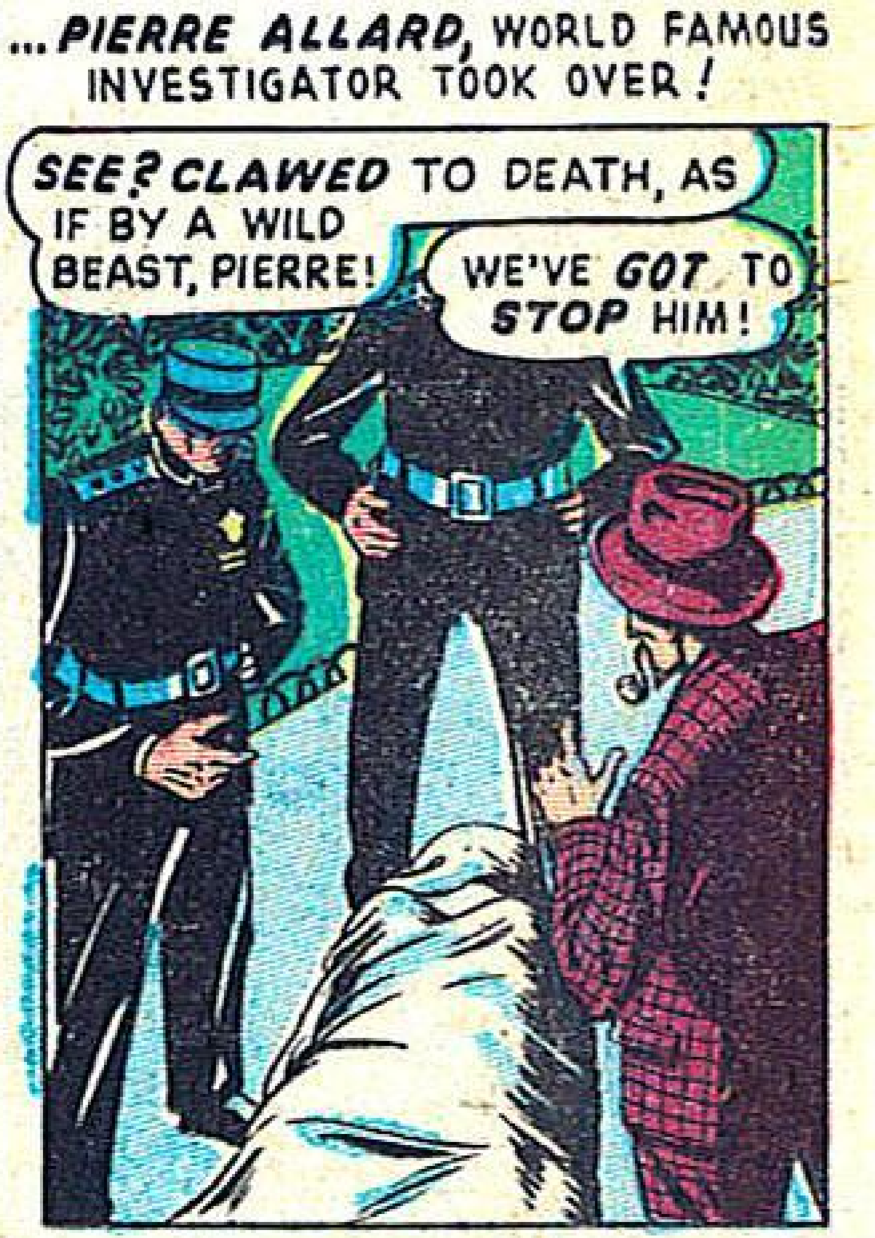
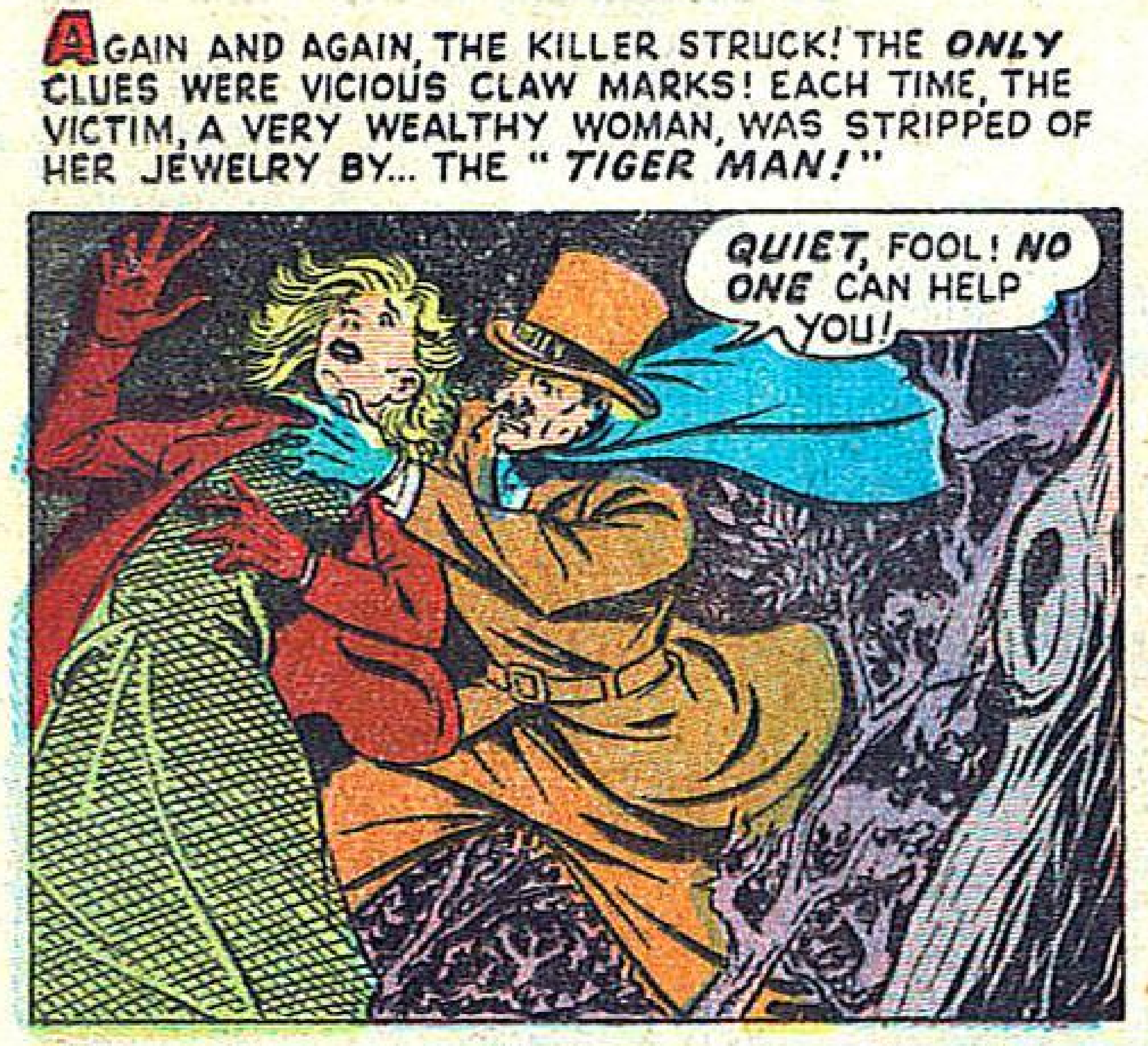
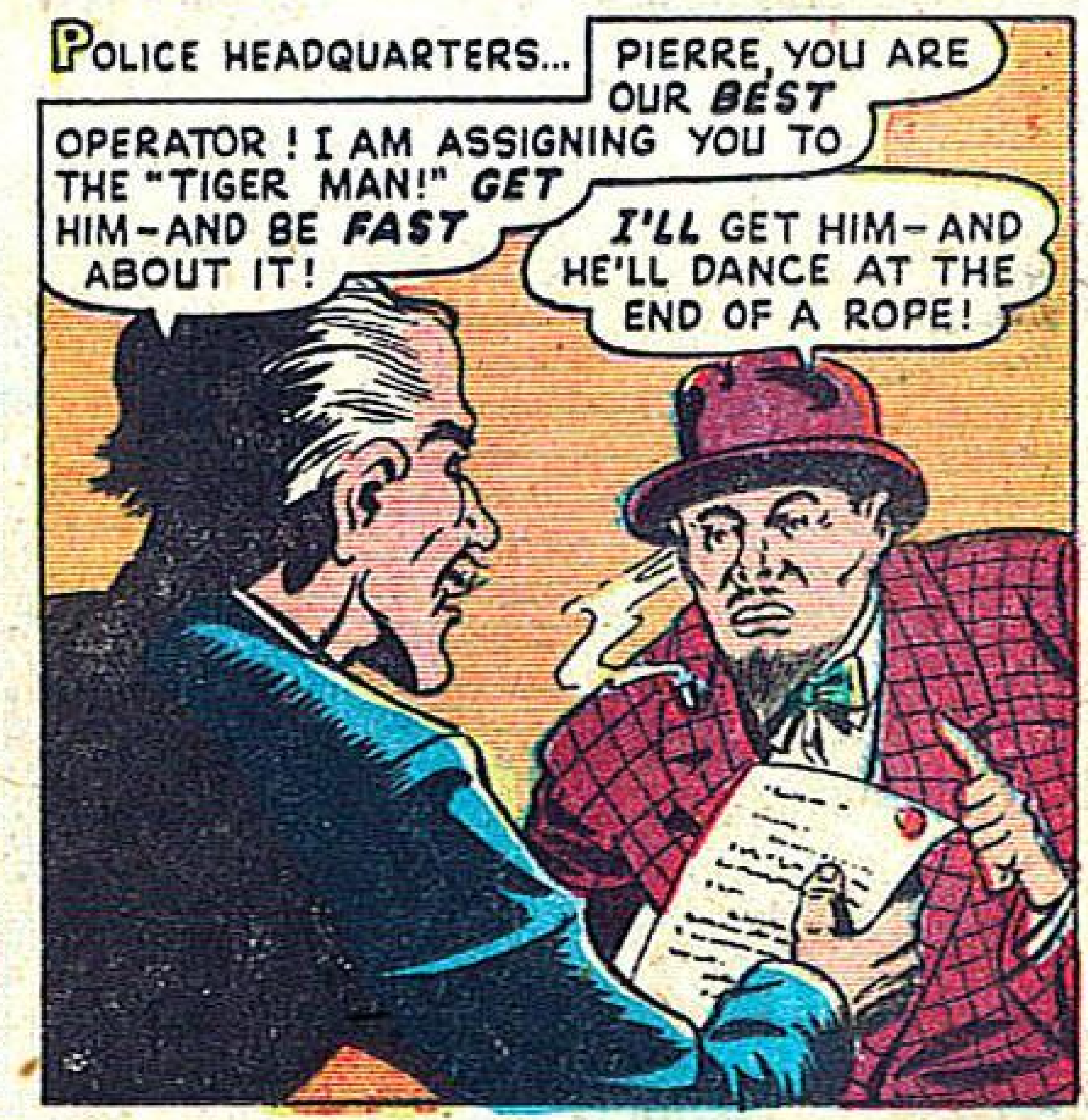

I NEED MONEY! I WANT TO BUILD A MAGNIFICENT MAUSOLEUM AS A TOMB FOR MYSELF! AFTER I AM DEAD IT WILL BE A MONUMENT TO A GREAT DUKE!
A MONUMENT! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, YOU FAKER!
WHY, YOU... I'LL GET THE MONEY SOMEHOW! I'LL GET MY MONUMENT!
IN A RAGE, DUKE CHARLES LEFT HIS WIFE'S ROOM, HIS MIND TORMENTED WITH HIS INSANE DESIRE FOR THE MONEY! SOON, HE DEVELOPED PLANS TO MAKE GOOD HIS THREAT TO "GET THE MONEY SOMEHOW!"
A JEWELRY STORE, THAT EVENING...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL! I WILL WEAR IT HOME!
MADAME, PLEASE LET US SEND IT! IT'S VALUABLE, AND YOU ARE ALONE!
DON'T FEAR! I LIVE ONLY TWO BLOCKS AWAY! IT WILL BE SAFE!
VERY WELL, MADAME!
IN A FEW MINUTES...
THIS NECKLACE IS SO BEAUTIFUL! I'LL BE THE ENVY OF BUDAPEST!
I'LL TAKE YOUR NECKLACE, MADAME!
HELP!
THEFT AND A BRUTAL MURDER STARTED THE CAREER OF HAGUES...
THIS IS TO SILENCE YOU... FOREVER!
ARGHHHHH!!

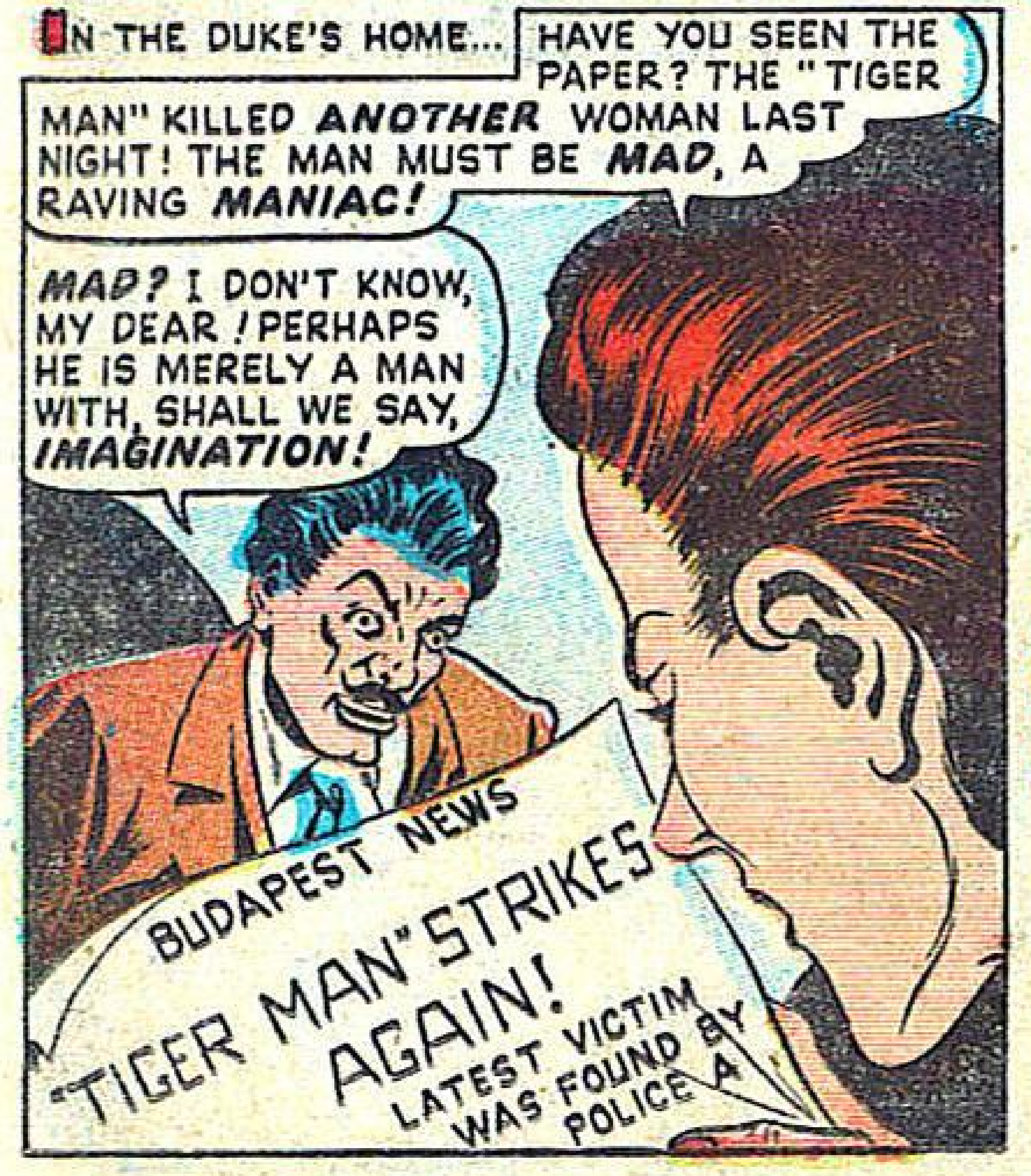

THE DUKE SOON EXAMINED "INSTALLMENT # 1" ON HIS TOMB...
LOVELY! LOVELY! EACH PEARL PERFECT! HA-I'LL SOON HAVE MY MONEY- AND MY MAUSOLEUM!

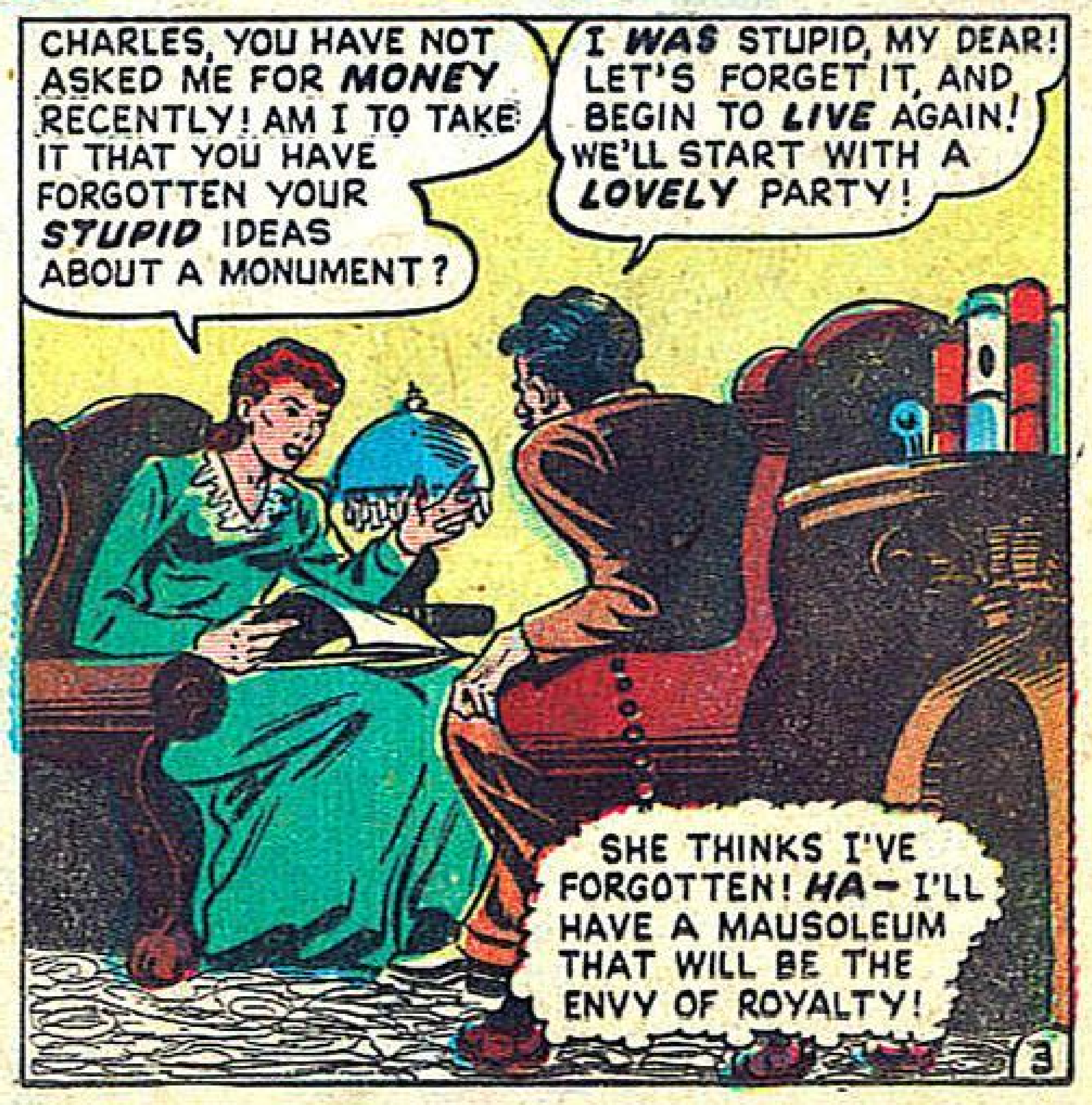

I'LL BUILD IT OF SOLID MARBLE! IT WILL LAST THROUGH THE AGES AS A MEMORIAL TO ME... THE FAMOUS DUKE, CHARLES HAGUES!
MURDER WAS NOT TOO TERRIBLE A PRICE TO PAY, BUT, MEANWHILE...

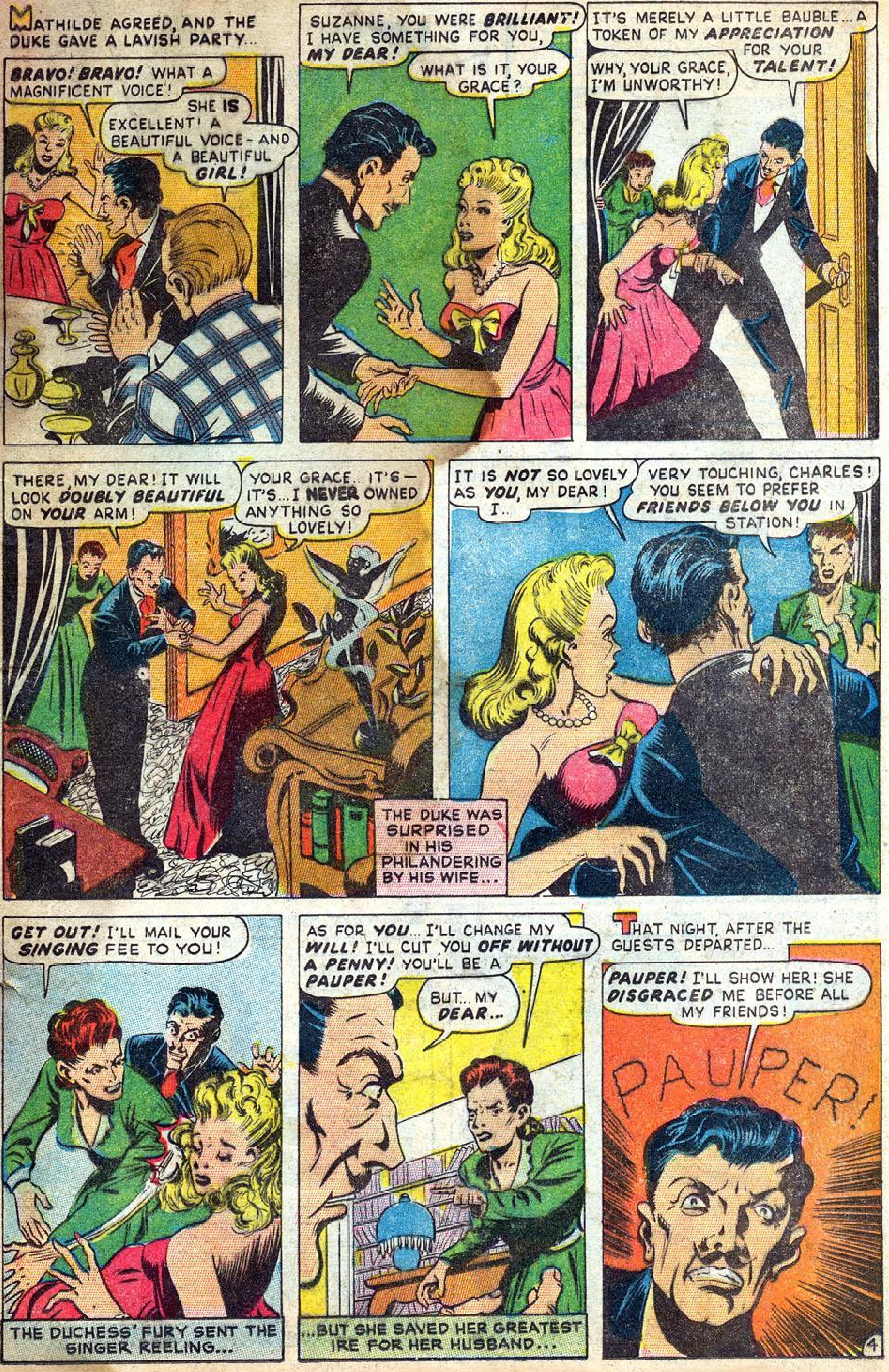

...PIERRE ALLARD, WORLD FAMOUS INVESTIGATOR TOOK OVER!
SEE? CLAWED TO DEATH, AS IF BY A WILD BEAST, PIERRE!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!

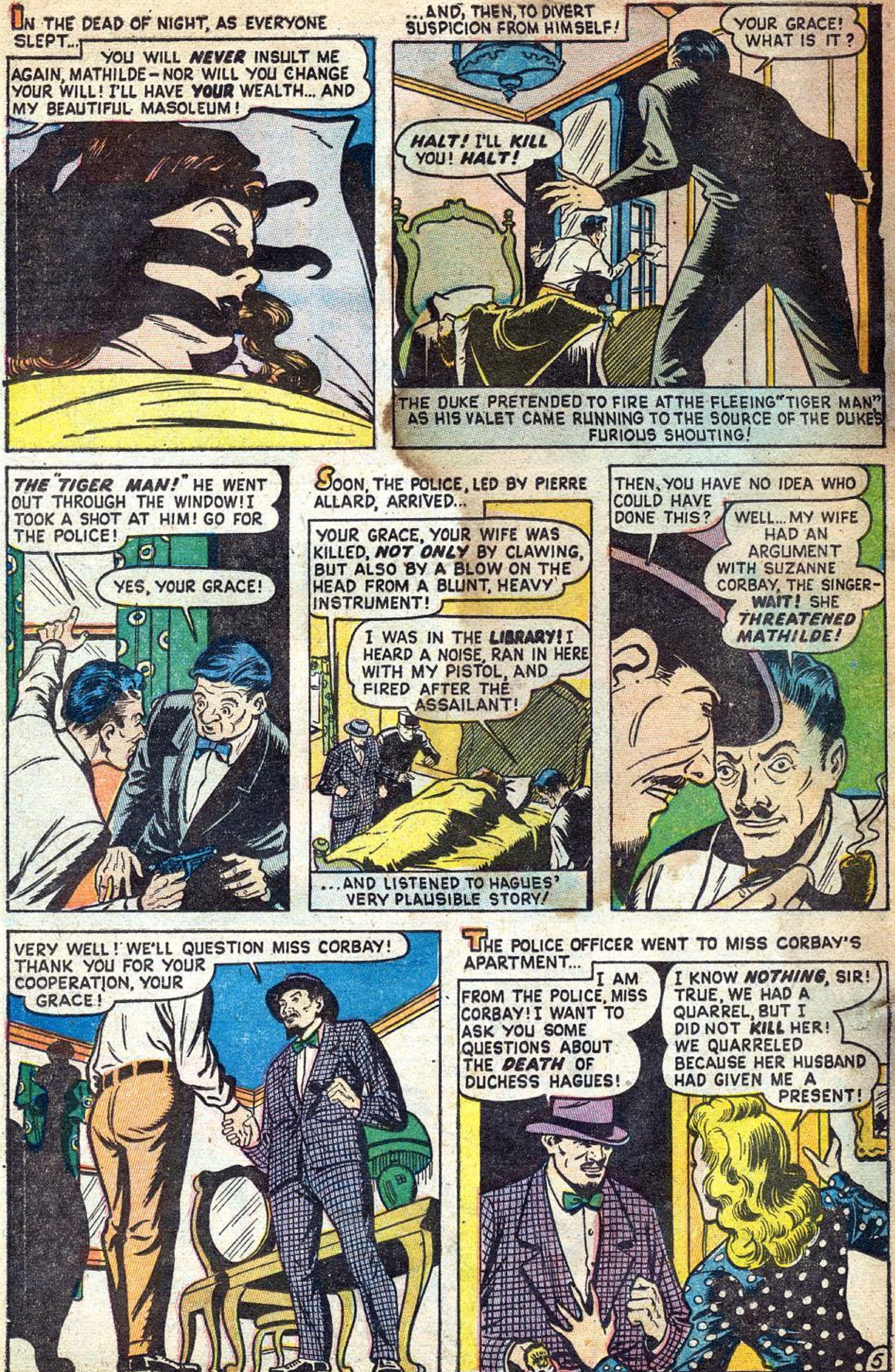

AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE KILLER STRUCK! THE ONLY CLUES WERE VICIOUS CLAW MARKS! EACH TIME, THE VICTIM, A VERY WEALTHY WOMAN, WAS STRIPPED OF HER JEWELRY BY... THE "TIGER MAN!"
QUIET, FOOL! NO ONE CAN HELP YOU!

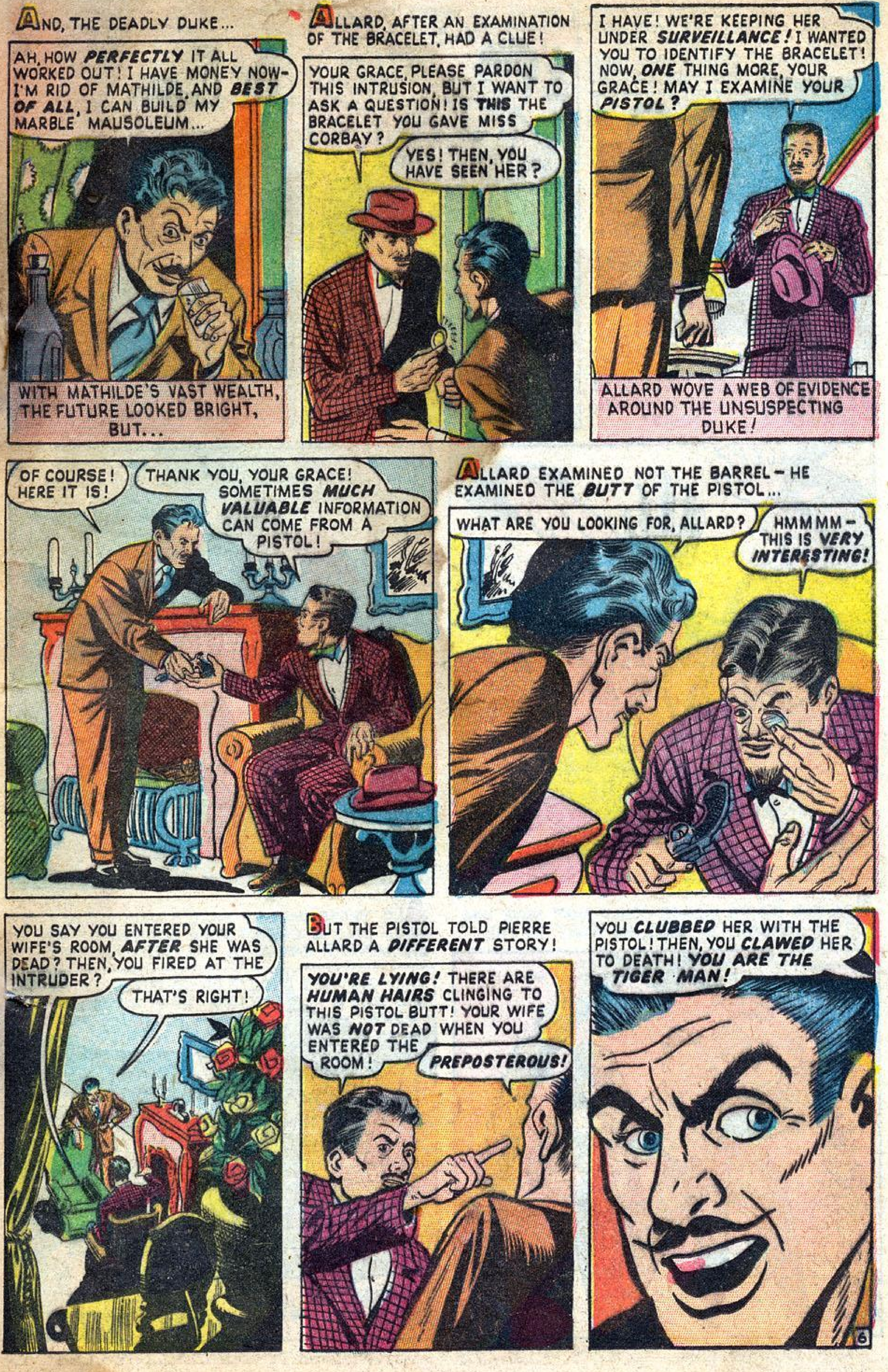

POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
PIERRE, YOU ARE OUR BEST OPERATOR! I AM ASSIGNING YOU TO THE "TIGER MAN!" GET HIM-AND BE FAST ABOUT IT!
I'LL GET HIM-AND HE'LL DANCE AT THE END OF A ROPE!

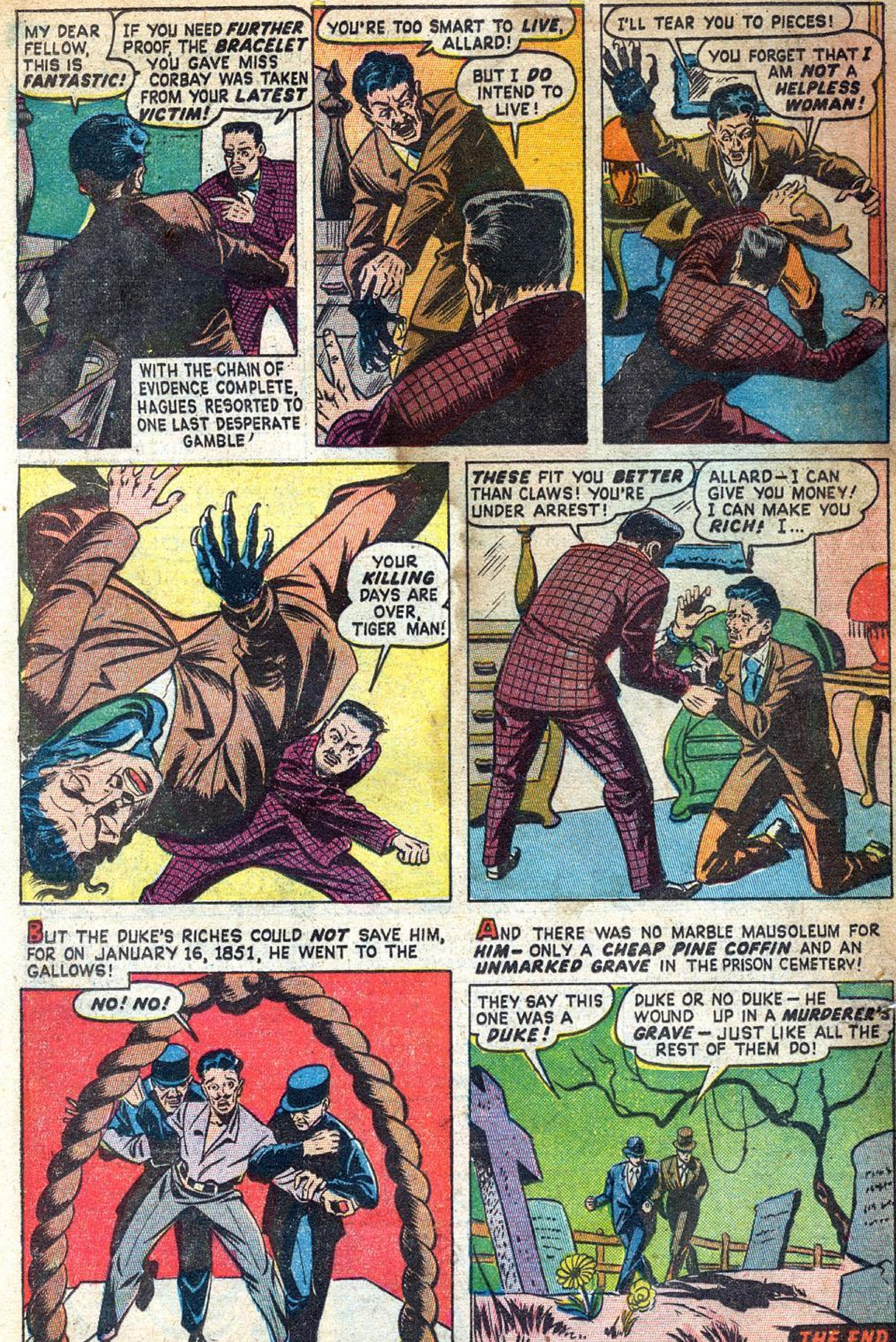

IN THE DUKE'S HOME...
HAVE YOU SEEN THE PAPER? THE "TIGER MAN" KILLED ANOTHER WOMAN LAST NIGHT! THE MAN MUST BE MAD, A RAVING MANIAC!
MAD? I DON'T KNOW, MY DEAR! PERHAPS HE IS MERELY A MAN WITH, SHALL WE SAY, IMAGINATION!
BUDAPEST NEWS
"TIGER MAN" STRIKES AGAIN!
LATEST VICTIM WAS FOUND BY POLICE A


CHARLES, YOU HAVE NOT ASKED ME FOR MONEY RECENTLY! AM I TO TAKE IT THAT YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR STUPID IDEAS ABOUT A MONUMENT?
I WAS STUPID, MY DEAR! LET'S FORGET IT, AND BEGIN TO LIVE AGAIN! WE'LL START WITH A LOVELY PARTY!
SHE THINKS I'VE FORGOTTEN! HA-I'LL HAVE A MAUSOLEUM THAT WILL BE THE ENVY OF ROYALTY!


MATHILDE AGREED, AND THE DUKE GAVE A LAVISH PARTY...
BRAVO! BRAVO! WHAT A MAGNIFICENT VOICE!
SHE IS EXCELLENT! A BEAUTIFUL VOICE - AND A BEAUTIFUL GIRL!
SUZANNE, YOU WERE BRILLIANT! I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU, MY DEAR!
WHAT IS IT, YOUR GRACE?
IT'S MERELY A LITTLE BAUBLE... A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR TALENT!
WHY, YOUR GRACE, I'M UNWORTHY!
THERE, MY DEAR! IT WILL LOOK DOUBLY BEAUTIFUL ON YOUR ARM!
YOUR GRACE... IT'S — IT'S... I NEVER OWNED ANYTHING SO LOVELY!
IT IS NOT SO LOVELY AS YOU, MY DEAR! I..
VERY TOUCHING, CHARLES! YOU SEEM TO PREFER FRIENDS BELOW YOU IN STATION!
THE DUKE WAS SURPRISED IN HIS PHILANDERING BY HIS WIFE...
GET OUT! I'LL MAIL YOUR SINGING FEE TO YOU!
THE DUCHESS' FURY SENT THE SINGER REELING...
AS FOR YOU... I'LL CHANGE MY WILL! I'LL CUT YOU OFF WITHOUT A PENNY! YOU'LL BE A PAUPER!
BUT... MY DEAR...
...BUT SHE SAVED HER GREATEST IRE FOR HER HUSBAND...
THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE GUESTS DEPARTED...
PAUPER! I'LL SHOW HER! SHE DISGRACED ME BEFORE ALL MY FRIENDS!
PAUPER!


IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, AS EVERYONE SLEPT...
YOU WILL NEVER INSULT ME AGAIN, MATHILDE—NOR WILL YOU CHANGE YOUR WILL! I'LL HAVE YOUR WEALTH... AND MY BEAUTIFUL MASOLEUM!
...AND, THEN, TO DIVERT SUSPICION FROM HIMSELF!
YOUR GRACE! WHAT IS IT?
HALT! I'LL KILL YOU! HALT!
THE DUKE PRETENDED TO FIRE AT THE FLEEING "TIGER MAN", AS HIS VALET CAME RUNNING TO THE SOURCE OF THE DUKE'S FURIOUS SHOUTING!
THE "TIGER MAN!" HE WENT OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW! I TOOK A SHOT AT HIM! GO FOR THE POLICE!
YES, YOUR GRACE!
SOON, THE POLICE, LED BY PIERRE ALLARD, ARRIVED...
YOUR GRACE, YOUR WIFE WAS KILLED, NOT ONLY BY CLAWING, BUT ALSO BY A BLOW ON THE HEAD FROM A BLUNT, HEAVY INSTRUMENT!
I WAS IN THE LIBRARY! I HEARD A NOISE, RAN IN HERE WITH MY PISTOL, AND FIRED AFTER THE ASSAILANT!
...AND LISTENED TO HAGUES' VERY PLAUSIBLE STORY!
THEN, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS?
WELL... MY WIFE HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH SUZANNE CORBAY, THE SINGER—WAIT! SHE THREATENED MATHILDE!
VERY WELL! WE'LL QUESTION MISS CORBAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, YOUR GRACE!
THE POLICE OFFICER WENT TO MISS CORBAY'S APARTMENT...
I AM FROM THE POLICE, MISS CORBAY! I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH OF DUCHESS HAGUES!
I KNOW NOTHING, SIR! TRUE, WE HAD A QUARREL, BUT I DID NOT KILL HER! WE QUARRELED BECAUSE HER HUSBAND HAD GIVEN ME A PRESENT!


AND, THE DEADLY DUKE...
AH, HOW PERFECTLY IT ALL WORKED OUT! I HAVE MONEY NOW-I'M RID OF MATHILDE, AND BEST OF ALL, I CAN BUILD MY MARBLE MAUSOLEUM...
WITH MATHILDE'S VAST WEALTH, THE FUTURE LOOKED BRIGHT, BUT...
ALLARD, AFTER AN EXAMINATION OF THE BRACELET, HAD A CLUE!
YOUR GRACE, PLEASE PARDON THIS INTRUSION, BUT I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION! IS THIS THE BRACELET YOU GAVE MISS CORBAY?
YES! THEN, YOU HAVE SEEN HER?
I HAVE! WE'RE KEEPING HER UNDER SURVEILLANCE! I WANTED YOU TO IDENTIFY THE BRACELET! NOW, ONE THING MORE, YOUR GRACE! MAY I EXAMINE YOUR PISTOL?
ALLARD WOVE A WEB OF EVIDENCE AROUND THE UNSUSPECTING DUKE!
OF COURSE! HERE IT IS!
THANK YOU, YOUR GRACE! SOMETIMES MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION CAN COME FROM A PISTOL!
ALLARD EXAMINED NOT THE BARREL - HE EXAMINED THE BUTT OF THE PISTOL...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, ALLARD?
HMMMM- THIS IS VERY INTERESTING!
YOU SAY YOU ENTERED YOUR WIFE'S ROOM, AFTER SHE WAS DEAD? THEN, YOU FIRED AT THE INTRUDER?
THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT THE PISTOL TOLD PIERRE ALLARD A DIFFERENT STORY!
YOU'RE LYING! THERE ARE HUMAN HAIRS CLINGING TO THIS PISTOL BUTT! YOUR WIFE WAS NOT DEAD WHEN YOU ENTERED THE ROOM!
PREPOSTEROUS!
YOU CLUBBED HER WITH THE PISTOL! THEN, YOU CLAWED HER TO DEATH! YOU ARE THE TIGER MAN!


MY DEAR FELLOW, THIS IS FANTASTIC!
IF YOU NEED FURTHER PROOF, THE BRACELET YOU GAVE MISS CORBAY WAS TAKEN FROM YOUR LATEST VICTIM!
WITH THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE COMPLETE, HAGUES RESORTED TO ONE LAST DESPERATE GAMBLE!
YOU'RE TOO SMART TO LIVE, ALLARD!
BUT I DO INTEND TO LIVE!
I'LL TEAR YOU TO PIECES!
YOU FORGET THAT I AM NOT A HELPLESS WOMAN!
YOUR KILLING DAYS ARE OVER, TIGER MAN!
THESE FIT YOU BETTER THAN CLAWS! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
ALLARD—I CAN GIVE YOU MONEY! I CAN MAKE YOU RICH! I...
BUT THE DUKE'S RICHES COULD NOT SAVE HIM, FOR ON JANUARY 16, 1851, HE WENT TO THE GALLOWS!
NO! NO!
AND THERE WAS NO MARBLE MAUSOLEUM FOR HIM— ONLY A CHEAP PINE COFFIN AND AN UNMARKED GRAVE IN THE PRISON CEMETERY!
THEY SAY THIS ONE WAS A DUKE!
DUKE OR NO DUKE— HE WOUND UP IN A MURDERER'S GRAVE— JUST LIKE ALL THE REST OF THEM DO!
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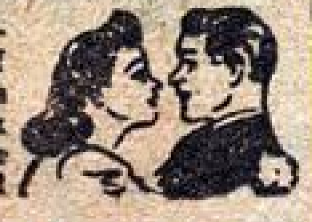

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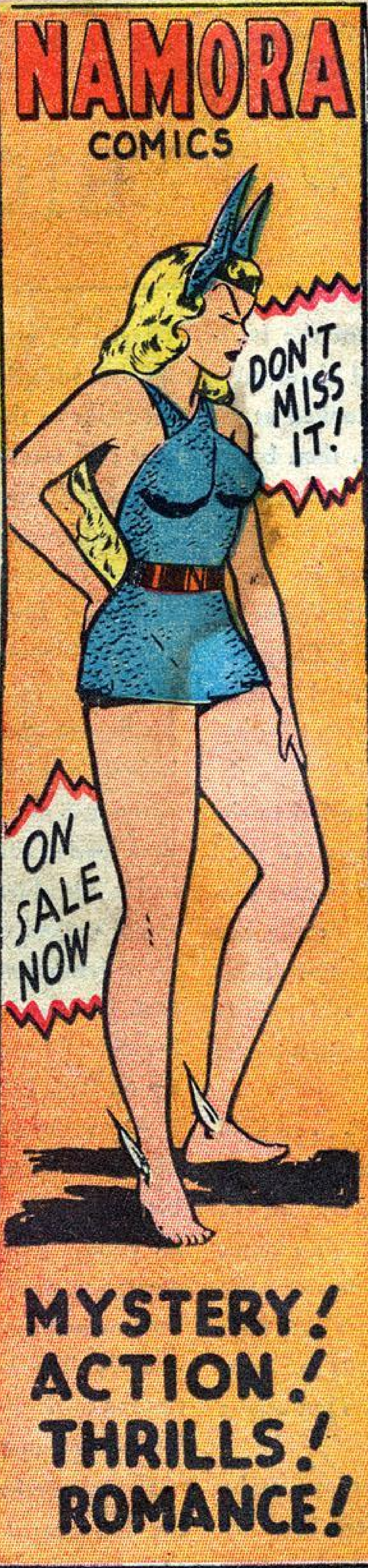

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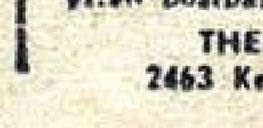

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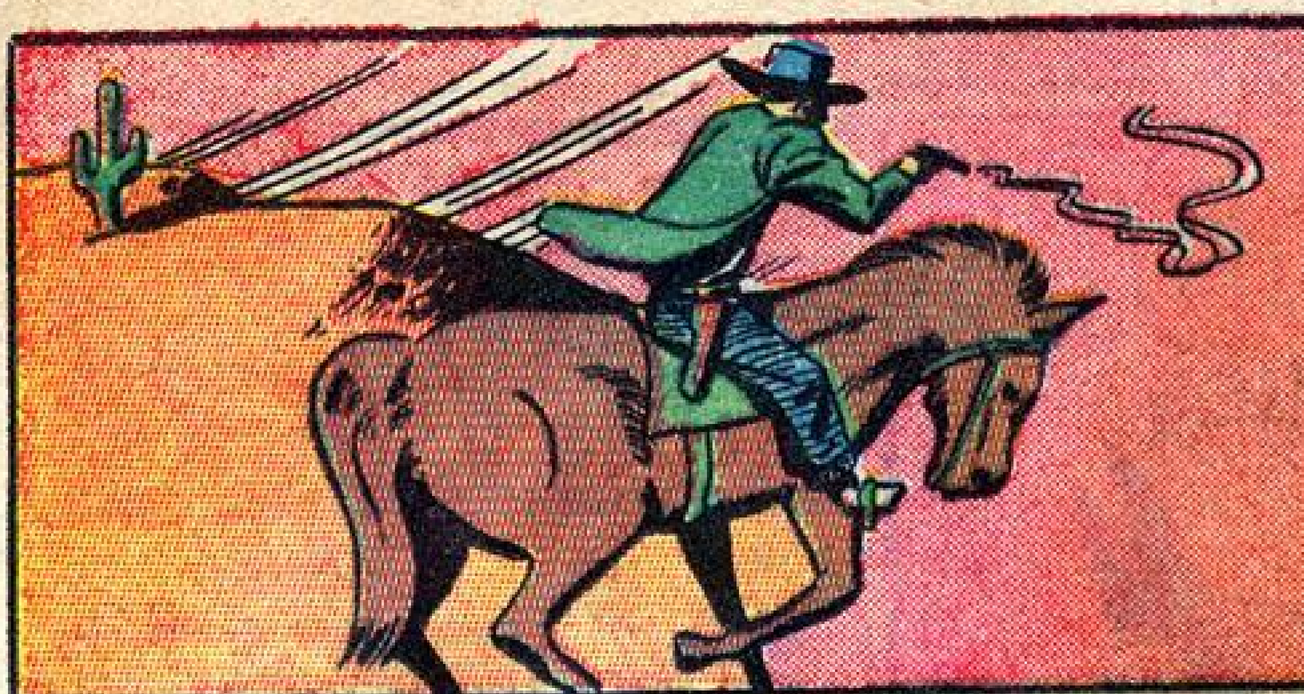


THE BIG GAG

JERRY eased his lanky frame from the horse and stepped to the firm ground thankfully, happy to feel it under his feet. He looked at the lighted windows of the ranch house, then began to lead Mike, the chestnut gelding, toward the stables.

"Partner," he said to the horse over his shoulder, "I hate to say it, but they can take this ranch life and give it back to the cowboys. Me, I'm going right back to the city where I belong! I must have been crazy to think herding a batch of cattle would be fun. Oh, my aching back!"

Once Mike was in his stall, Jerry started to the ranch house, wondering whether he was too tired to eat or not. Bob certainly was going to give him the "horse" laugh, but it would be for the last time. Just as he passed the window of the dining room, he heard a dozen loud voices laughing heartily. When he heard his name mentioned he stopped to listen.

Hank, the foreman, broke in with, ". . . so we'll tell him to ride to town on some phony excuse or other. That'll give us time to get set, and on the way back we'll start the cattle running. You know, one of those real stampede scenes from a good old cowboy picture. Joe, you and Bob can start shooting and yelling your fool heads off and make it look like a real rustling scene. That ought to make him jump!"

"I got it," Bob said. "Some of us can make like we spotted him and take off after him. By the time he reaches the house for help he won't be able to sit down for a week!"

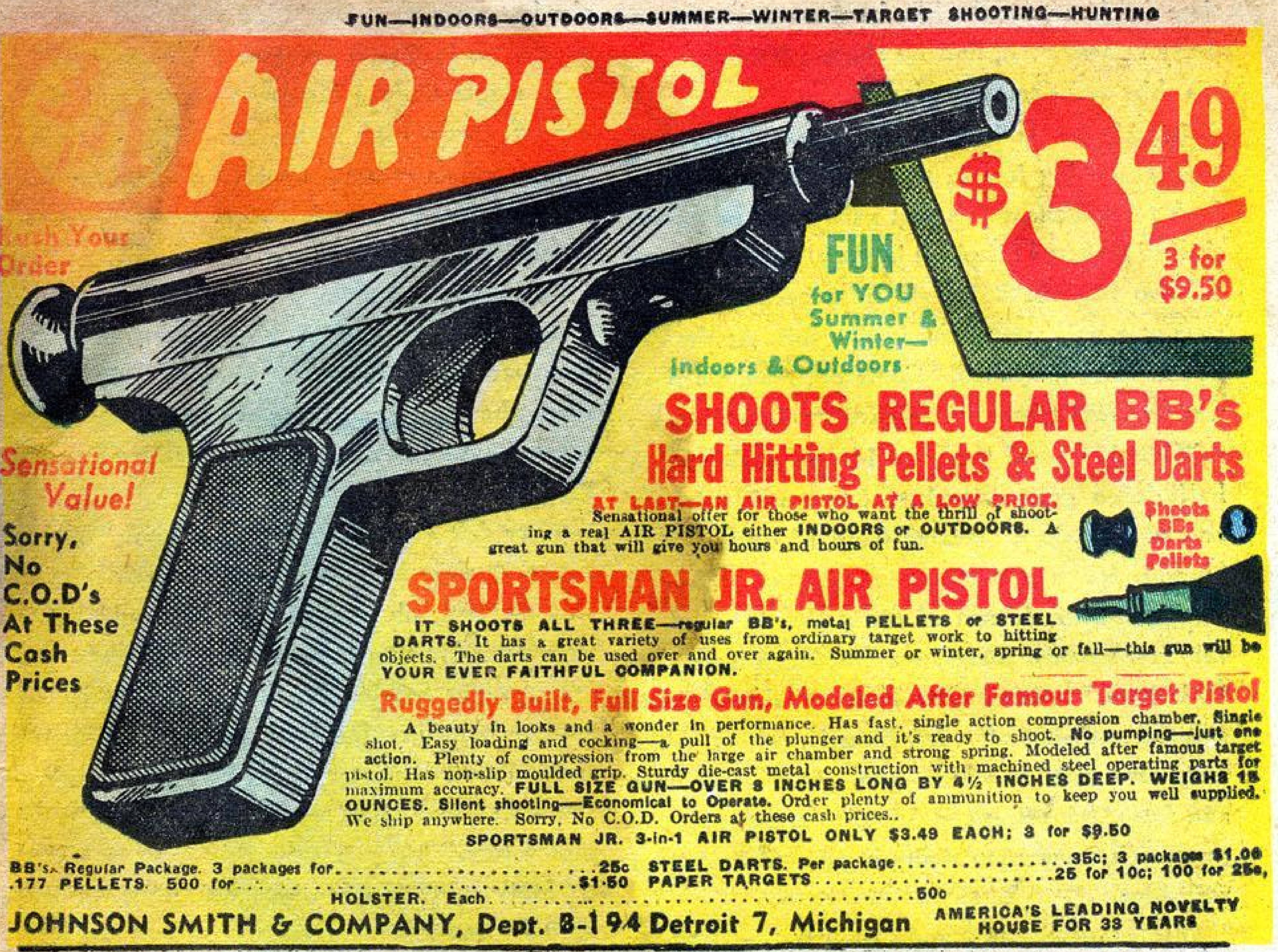
Outside the house, Jerry grinned to himself. So, they were going to make him the butt of a gag. Swell! He'd go along with it . . . just so far. Maybe he could have a little fun himself! He started whistling, then stamped inside and shouted hello to the gang. They wiped their grins off fast and waved.

Jerry decided to beat them to the punch. After he ate, he said, "Think I'll ride to town for a paper, fellows. Don't worry about me getting lost this time. The moon's out full and I can see the trail." He made an excuse to go to his room, and as soon as the door was closed rummaged through his drawer until he found his gun. Just to be sure nobody got hurt, he pried the lead slugs from the cartridges and replaced them with wads of paper, then loaded the chambers and shoved the revolver inside his shirt.

He walked out smiling to himself and saddled up a fresh horse, then started off to town at a trot. I'll give 'em about an hour, he thought, but instead of coming back along the road, I'll sneak up on 'em. I'll show 'em who laughs last!

About five miles out he passed a thousand head of cattle settled down for the night in a gully between two overhanging cliffs. "This is the place, all right," Jerry whispered to himself. He rode along the path passing out of sight on the bend, then turned into the shadows where he dismounted and tied the horse to a scrub pine. Silently, he tiptoed back to the top of the hill where he could look down on the entire herd.

It was, perhaps, thirty minutes before he saw the first figures silhouetted against the moon. He rode into the silent mass of cattle circling around them to the north end. Jerry nodded. They were falling right in line with his plans. He watched while the men gathered, calling softly to the cattle, getting them on their feet. It was almost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time for him to make like he was coming home, Jerry remembered, and he slipped his hand into his shirt and drew out his gun.

Quickly, he ran back to his horse and mounted, then crouching low in true Indian style, started back toward them at a fast gallop. As he passed the hill he lifted his pistol in the air and triggered off two fast shots. They'd be expecting him to pass at a walk, not come in like this. At the top of his voice he yelled, "Come on, men, we have 'em trapped! Shoot the blamed rustlers down!

What happened then was like an explosion. A half dozen guns roared at once, and the next second a bawling, frenzied band of cattle milled around for a moment then started streaking toward the north end of the gully. In front of the fear-stricken steers, six horsemen rode for their lives, shooting over their shoulders. Jerry grinned and shot off a few himself, yelling to the imaginary mob to follow him. He weaved back and forth, reloading and firing, to make it appear as though there were really a gang of horsemen with him.

Oh, it was easy to picture what Bob and Hank were thinking all right. They probably thought that he had seen them and thought they really were rustlers and ridden back to town for help. As if there were rustlers in this day and age!

The walls of the gully were closing in. Further down, he knew, was the dead end of Thunder Mountain. When the steers reached there they'd double back, and he didn't want to be in front of them. Of course, the boys would turn into the cut-off letting the herd go past them . . . but he could still carry the gag further and really get them in a pickle. Jerry pulled his mount sharply as soon as he passed the big boulder and galloped up the barely discernable path. He raced along the top of the hill then jumped down quickly. Lying on his stomach he looked down into the cut-off, and there, sure enough, were the men, waiting for the herd to pass. He leaned over the edge and fired.

"Drop those guns and get 'em up, all of you!" he yelled. He saw the guns hit the ground as the last steer went by. "Now ride, and don't try to run for it. You'll be covered all the way!"

In single file the horsemen trailed out of the cut off, hands high in the air. Jerry rode ahead and met them coming out, then shouted for them to head for the ranch house. Brother, what a laugh he was going to get out of this!

Staying behind them, Jerry urged them on with a few shots of wadded paper, then had them turn into the yard. He was about to yell and tell them the gag was over when the door of the ranch house was thrown open, framing Hank in the doorway.

Jerry felt a shock go through him. The boys . . . they were here at home! Then these others . . . oh man, oh man, was he in trouble! They were probably some neighboring cowhands working at night looking for strays. They'd tar and feather him sure for this! But at that moment Hank took one look and reached for his rifle on the wall. The next second, Bob and the rest joined him.

"Holy cow," Hank said, "look what the dude brought back! 'Mad Dog' Calvin and his whole gang!" Jerry almost fell off his horse. He slid to the ground and watched the boys tie up the band. Hank came over just then and remarked, "How'd you ever get them, Jerry? I . . ."

"B-but it was a gag, Hank! I heard you talking about it tonight! I t-thought . . ."

Hank cut him off. "You thought wrong, Jerry, the gag was to come off tomorrow night. This Calvin gang is a band of rustlers that has been working this section for months and selling stolen beef across the border. Nice reward out for 'em, too. But these guys are dangerous criminals," he added. "You're lucky you didn't get killed! How in blazes did you round them up anyway? Didn't they have guns?"

"S-sure they did, but when I yelled and shot up in the air they dropped 'em."

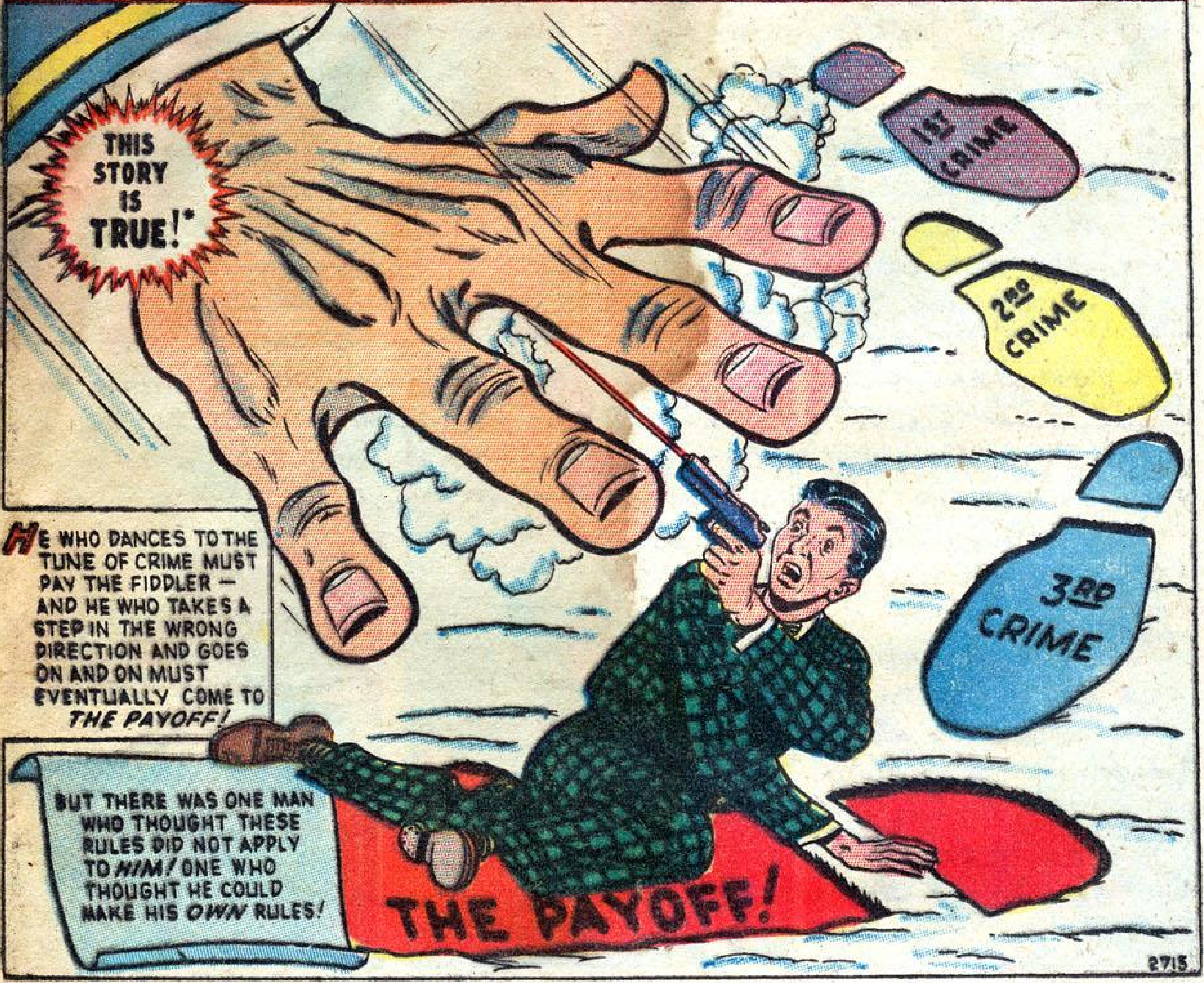
Hank raised his eyebrows in surprise.

"And to t-think," Jerry said hoarsely, "that I only had p-paper bullets!"

Just then Hank yelled, "Hey fellers, come here! Jerry's went and passed out!"

THE END

"THE PAYOFF!"


THIS STORY IS TRUE!*
1ST CRIME
2ND CRIME
3RD CRIME
HE WHO DANCES TO THE TUNE OF CRIME MUST PAY THE FIDDLER — AND HE WHO TAKES A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND GOES ON AND ON MUST EVENTUALLY COME TO *THE PAYOFF!*
BUT THERE WAS ONE MAN WHO THOUGHT THESE RULES DID NOT APPLY TO *HIM!* ONE WHO THOUGHT HE COULD MAKE HIS *OWN* RULES!
THE PAYOFF!
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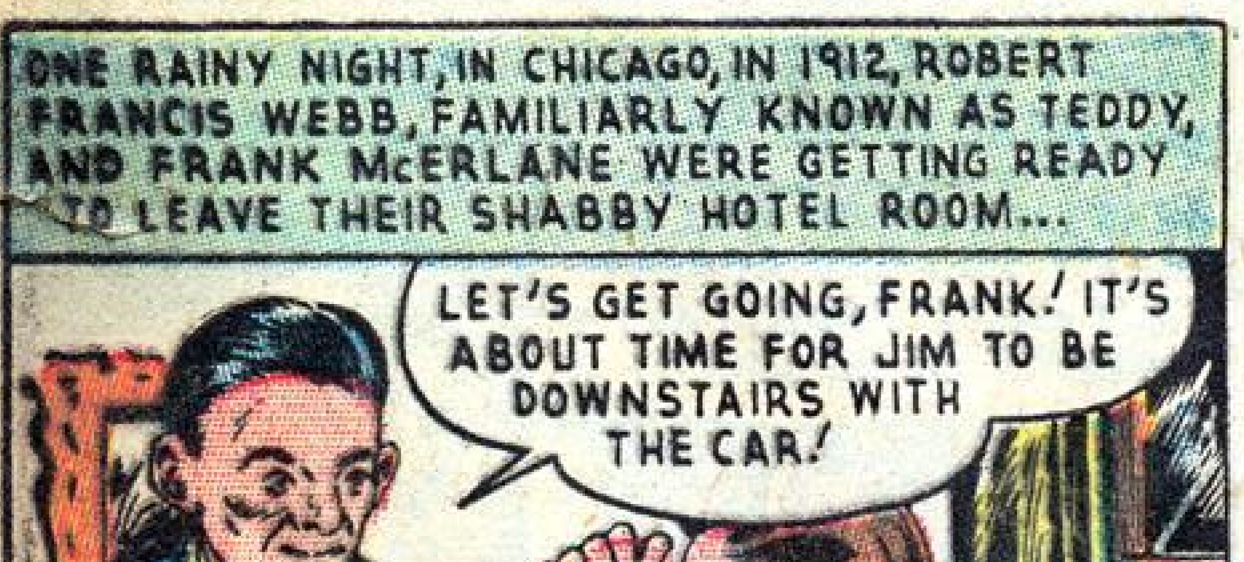
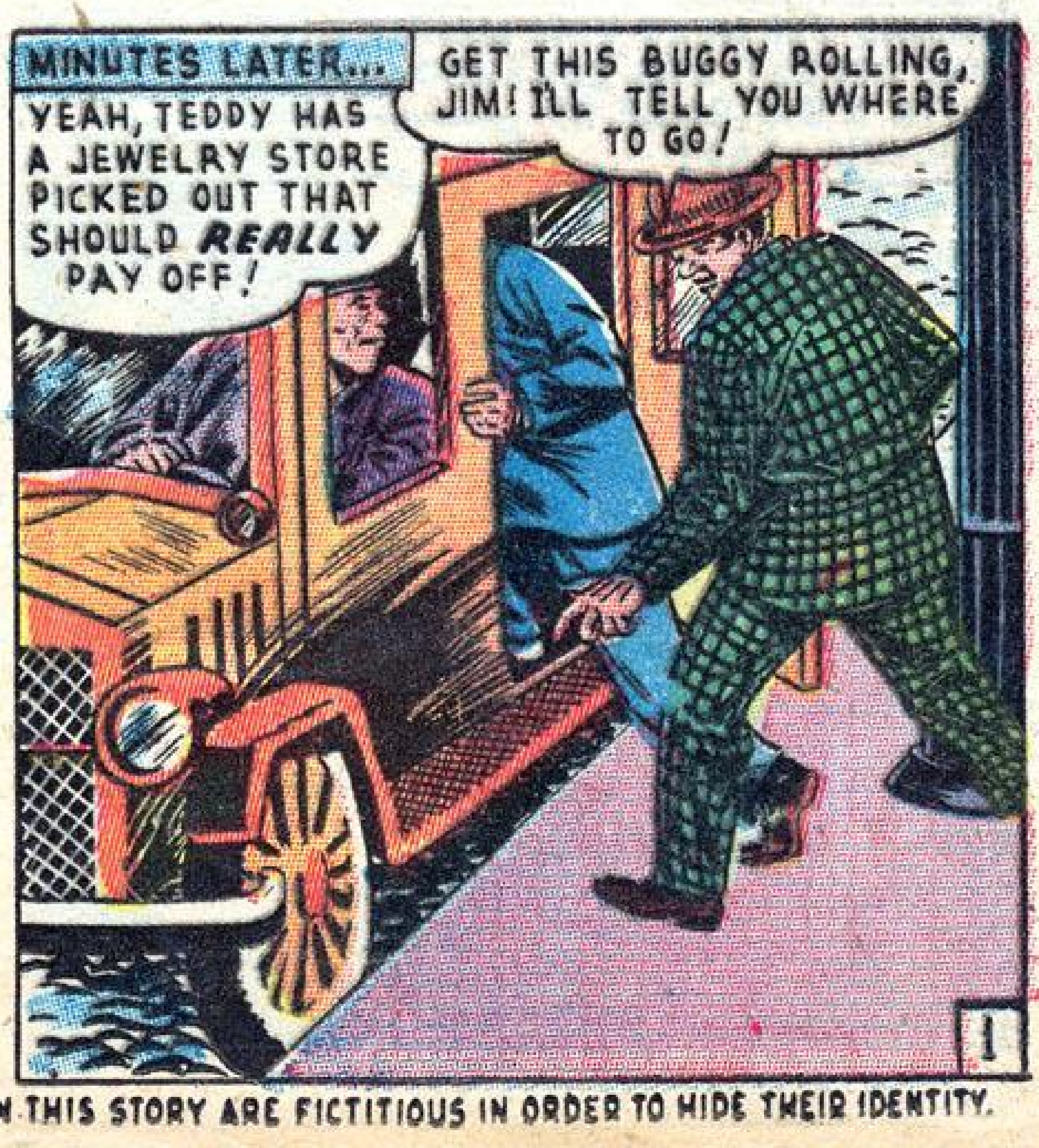

ONE RAINY NIGHT, IN CHICAGO, IN 1912, ROBERT FRANCIS WEBB, FAMILIARLY KNOWN AS TEDDY, AND FRANK McERLANE WERE GETTING READY TO LEAVE THEIR SHABBY HOTEL ROOM...
LET'S GET GOING, FRANK! IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR JIM TO BE DOWNSTAIRS WITH THE CAR!


MINUTES LATER...
GET THIS BUGGY ROLLING, JIM! I'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO GO!
YEAH, TEDDY HAS A JEWELRY STORE PICKED OUT THAT SHOULD *REALLY* PAY OFF!

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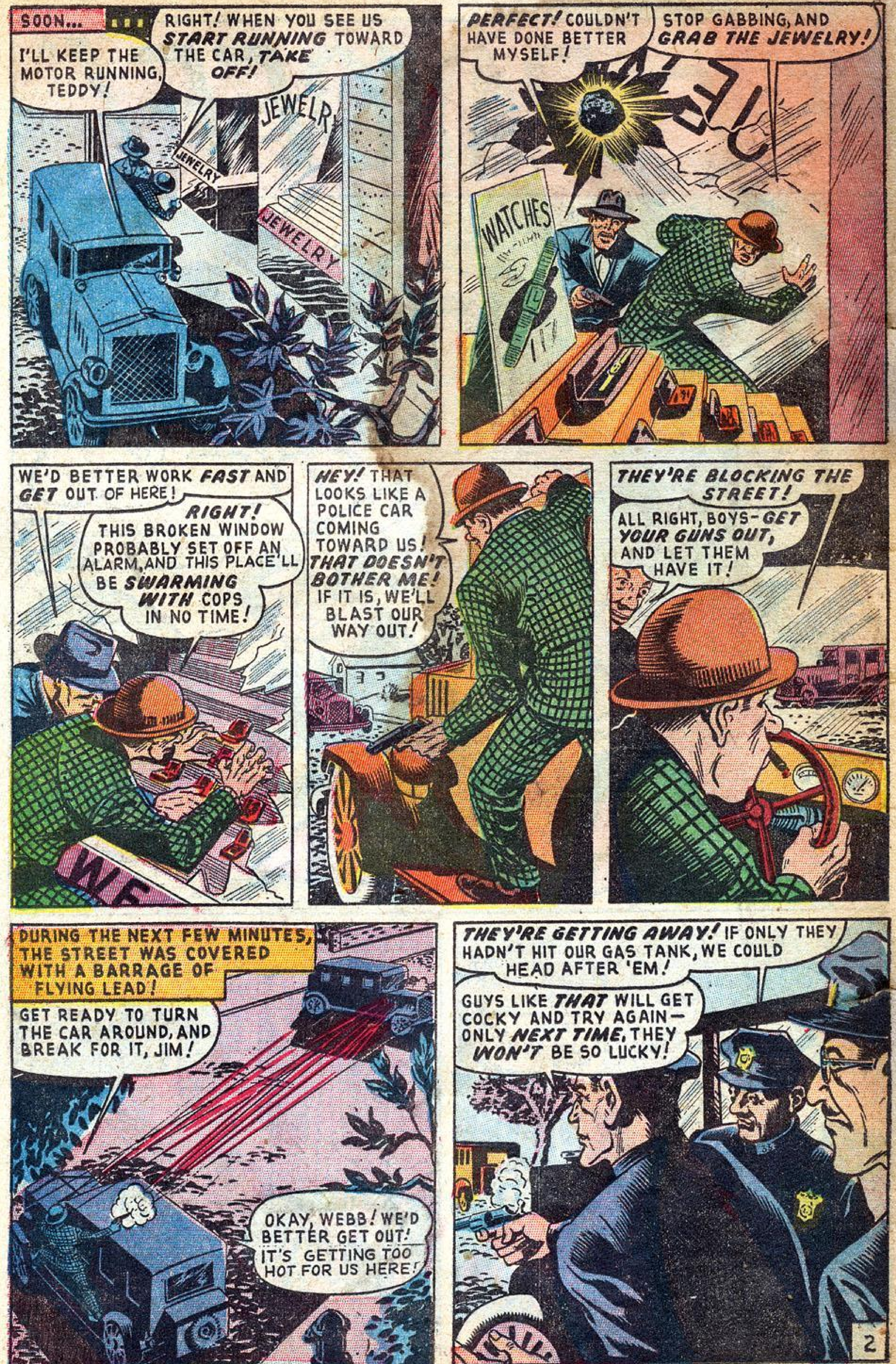
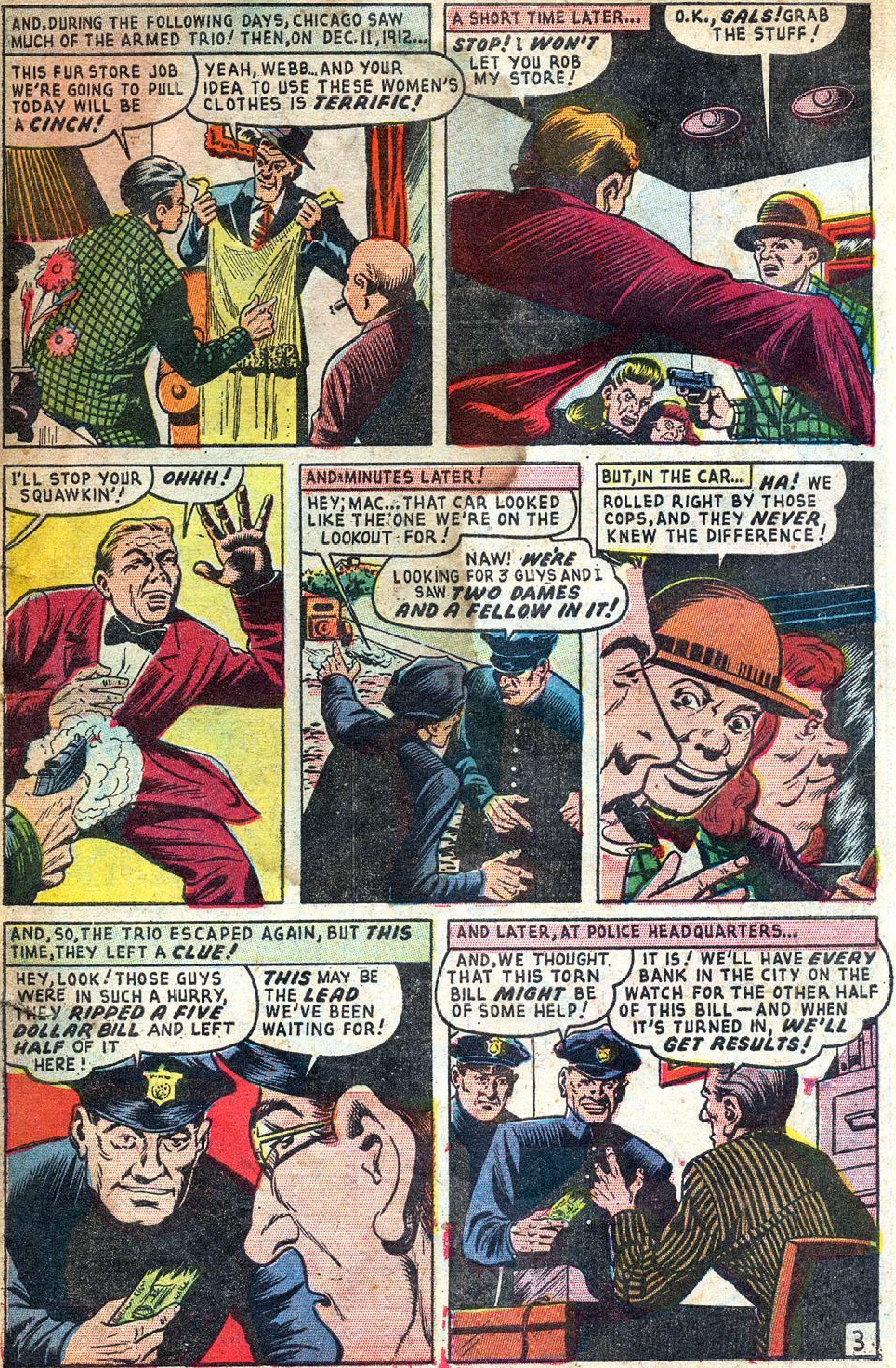
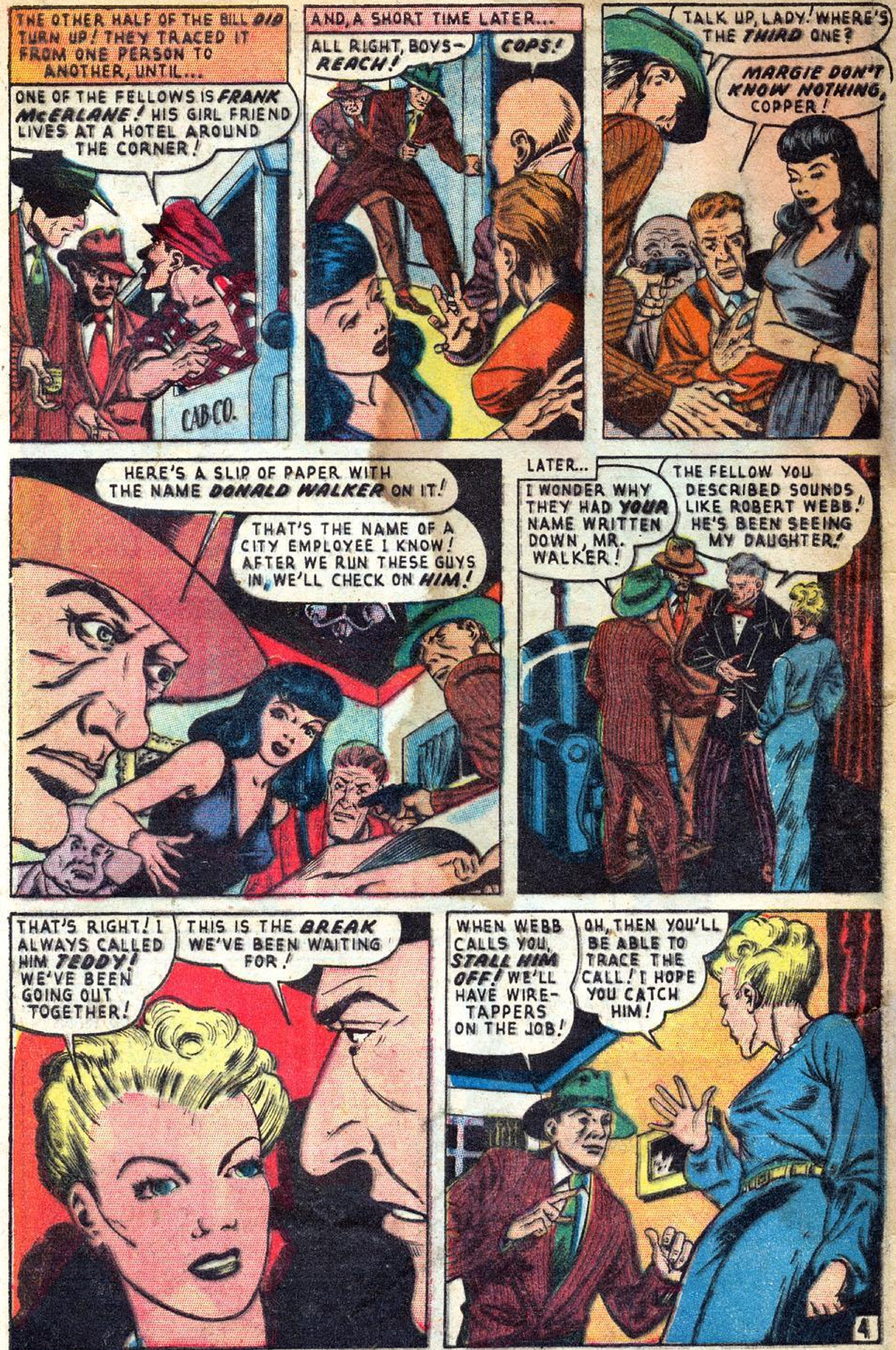
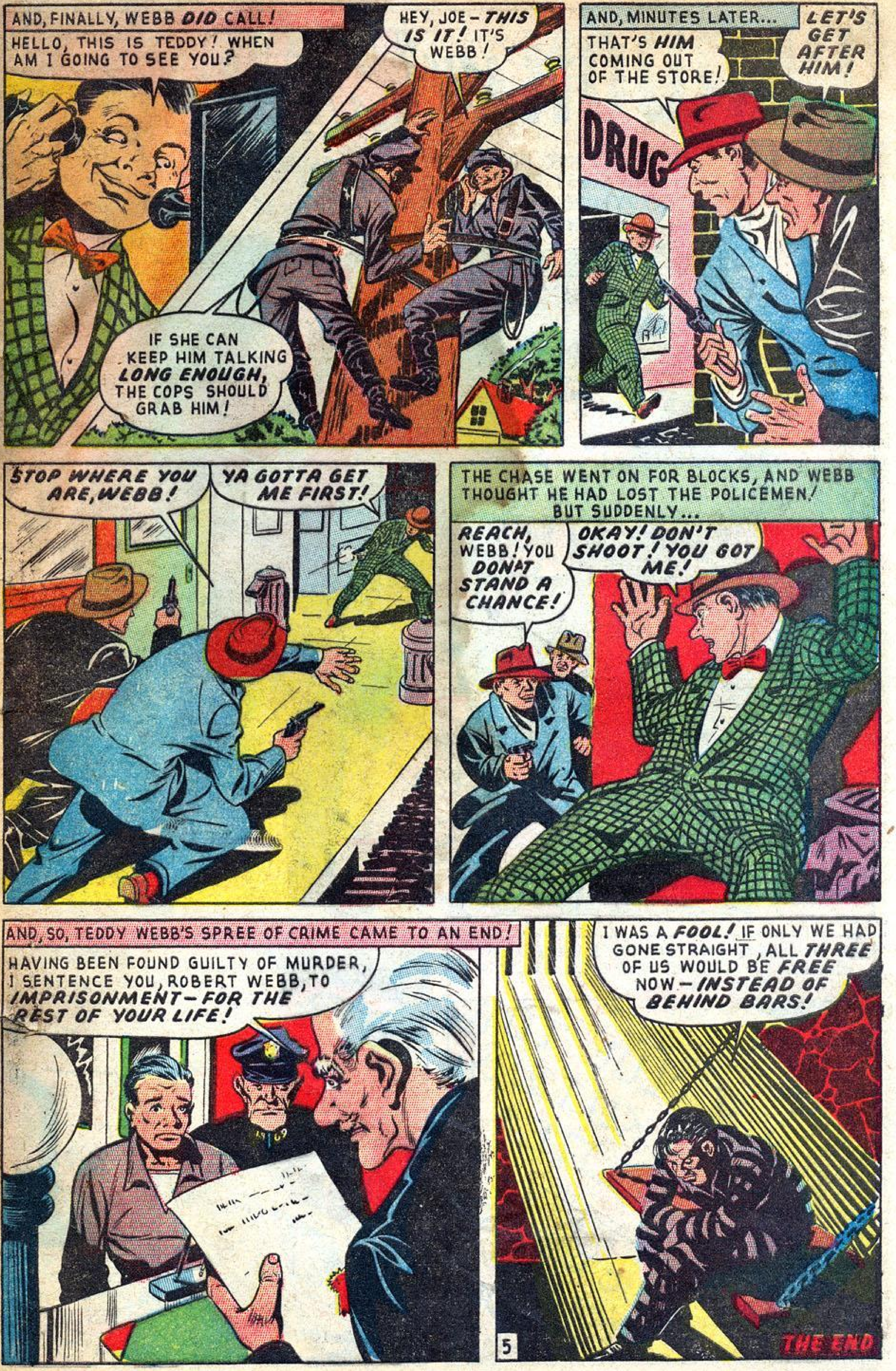
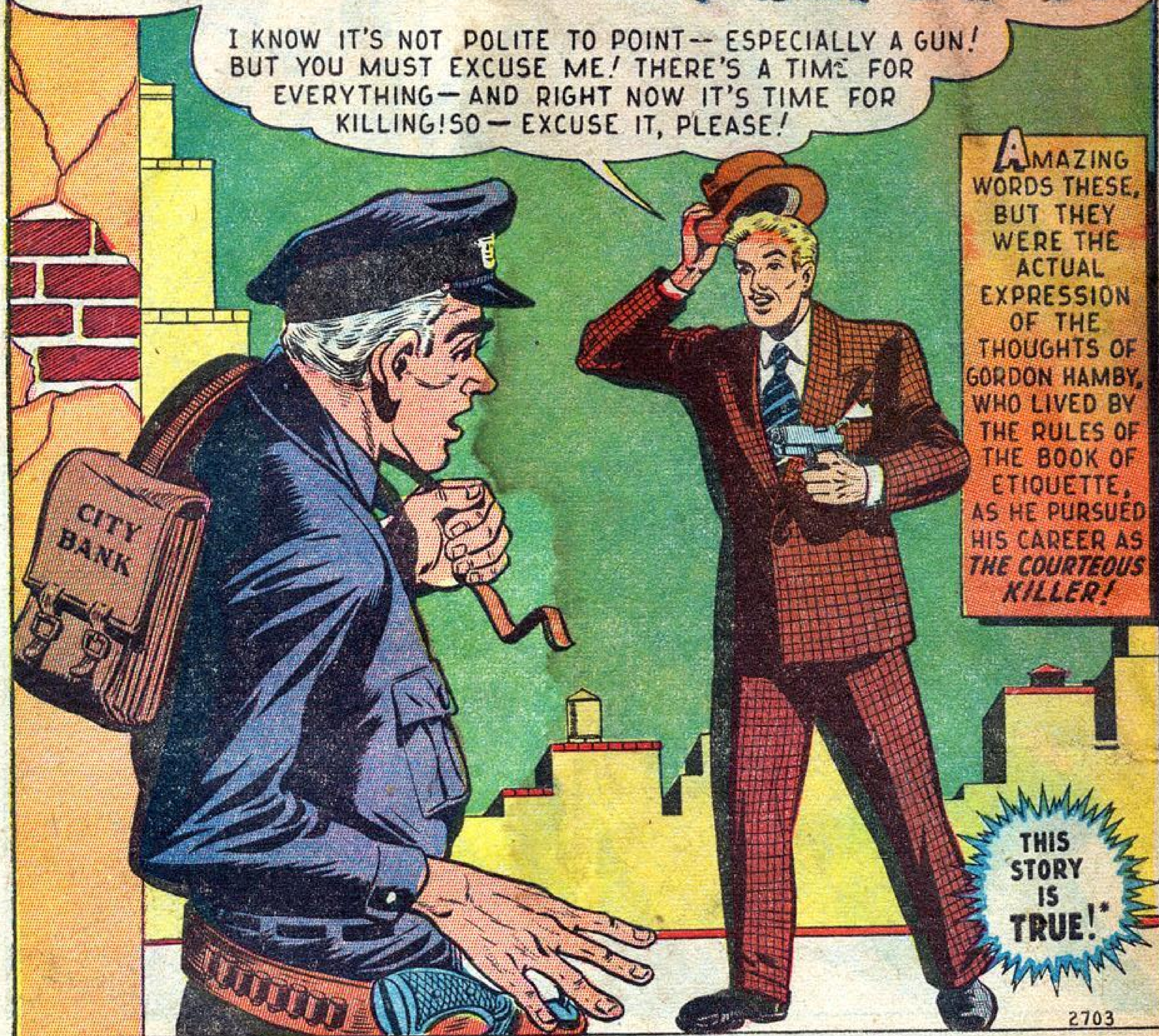

SOON...
I'LL KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNING, TEDDY!
RIGHT! WHEN YOU SEE US **START RUNNING** TOWARD THE CAR, **TAKE OFF!**
JEWELRY
JEWELRY
JEWELRY
PERFECT! COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER MYSELF!
STOP GABBING, AND **GRAB THE JEWELRY!**
WATCHES
WE'D BETTER WORK **FAST** AND **GET** OUT OF HERE!
RIGHT! THIS BROKEN WINDOW PROBABLY SET OFF AN ALARM, AND THIS PLACE'LL BE **SWARMING WITH** COPS IN NO TIME!
HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE A POLICE CAR COMING TOWARD US!
THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME! IF IT IS, WE'LL BLAST OUR WAY OUT!
THEY'RE BLOCKING THE STREET!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS—**GET YOUR GUNS OUT,** AND LET THEM HAVE IT!
DURING THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, THE STREET WAS COVERED WITH A BARRAGE OF FLYING LEAD!
GET READY TO TURN THE CAR AROUND, AND BREAK FOR IT, JIM!
OKAY, WEBB! WE'D BETTER GET OUT! IT'S GETTING TOO HOT FOR US HERE!
THEY'RE GETTING AWAY! IF ONLY THEY HADN'T HIT OUR GAS TANK, WE COULD HEAD AFTER 'EM!
GUYS LIKE **THAT** WILL GET COCKY AND TRY AGAIN—ONLY **NEXT TIME**, THEY **WON'T** BE SO LUCKY!


AND, DURING THE FOLLOWING DAYS, CHICAGO SAW MUCH OF THE ARMED TRIO! THEN, ON DEC. 11, 1912...
THIS FUR STORE JOB WE'RE GOING TO PULL TODAY WILL BE A *CINCH!*
YEAH, WEBB... AND YOUR IDEA TO USE THESE WOMEN'S CLOTHES IS *TERRIFIC!*
A SHORT TIME LATER...
STOP! I *WON'T* LET YOU ROB MY STORE!
O.K., *GALS!* GRAB THE STUFF!
I'LL STOP YOUR SQUAWKIN'!
OHHH!
AND, MINUTES LATER!
HEY, MAC... THAT CAR LOOKED LIKE THE ONE WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!
NAW! *WE'RE* LOOKING FOR 3 GUYS AND I SAW *TWO DAMES AND A FELLOW IN IT!*
BUT, IN THE CAR...
HA! WE ROLLED RIGHT BY THOSE COPS, AND THEY *NEVER* KNEW THE DIFFERENCE!
AND, SO, THE TRIO ESCAPED AGAIN, BUT *THIS* TIME, THEY LEFT A *CLUE!*
HEY, LOOK! THOSE GUYS WERE IN SUCH A HURRY, THEY *RIPPED A FIVE DOLLAR BILL* AND LEFT *HALF* OF IT HERE!
THIS MAY BE THE *LEAD* WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
AND LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
AND, WE THOUGHT THAT THIS TORN BILL *MIGHT* BE OF SOME HELP!
IT IS! WE'LL HAVE *EVERY* BANK IN THE CITY ON THE WATCH FOR THE OTHER HALF OF THIS BILL — AND WHEN IT'S TURNED IN, *WE'LL GET RESULTS!*


THE OTHER HALF OF THE BILL DID TURN UP! THEY TRACED IT FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER, UNTIL...
ONE OF THE FELLOWS IS FRANK McERLANE! HIS GIRL FRIEND LIVES AT A HOTEL AROUND THE CORNER!
CAB CO.
AND, A SHORT TIME LATER...
ALL RIGHT, BOYS— REACH!
COPS!
TALK UP, LADY! WHERE'S THE THIRD ONE?
MARGIE DON'T KNOW NOTHING, COPPER!
HERE'S A SLIP OF PAPER WITH THE NAME DONALD WALKER ON IT!
THAT'S THE NAME OF A CITY EMPLOYEE I KNOW! AFTER WE RUN THESE GUYS IN, WE'LL CHECK ON HIM!
LATER...
I WONDER WHY THEY HAD YOUR NAME WRITTEN DOWN, MR. WALKER!
THE FELLOW YOU DESCRIBED SOUNDS LIKE ROBERT WEBB! HE'S BEEN SEEING MY DAUGHTER!
THAT'S RIGHT! I ALWAYS CALLED HIM TEDDY! WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT TOGETHER!
THIS IS THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
WHEN WEBB CALLS YOU, STALL HIM OFF! WE'LL HAVE WIRE-TAPPERS ON THE JOB!
OH, THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRACE THE CALL! I HOPE YOU CATCH HIM!


AND, FINALLY, WEBB *DID* CALL!
HELLO, THIS IS TEDDY! WHEN AM I GOING TO SEE YOU?
HEY, JOE – *THIS IS IT!* IT'S WEBB!
IF SHE CAN KEEP HIM TALKING *LONG ENOUGH*, THE COPS SHOULD GRAB HIM!
AND, MINUTES LATER...
THAT'S *HIM* COMING OUT OF THE STORE!
LET'S GET AFTER HIM!
DRUG
STOP WHERE YOU ARE, WEBB!
YA GOTTA GET ME FIRST!
THE CHASE WENT ON FOR BLOCKS, AND WEBB THOUGHT HE HAD LOST THE POLICEMEN! BUT SUDDENLY...
REACH, WEBB! YOU *DON'T STAND A CHANCE!*
OKAY! DON'T SHOOT! YOU GOT ME!
AND, SO, TEDDY WEBB'S SPREE OF CRIME CAME TO AN END!
HAVING BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER, I SENTENCE YOU, ROBERT WEBB, TO *IMPRISONMENT – FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!*
I WAS A *FOOL!* IF ONLY WE HAD GONE STRAIGHT, ALL *THREE* OF US WOULD BE *FREE* NOW – *INSTEAD OF BEHIND BARS!*
THE END

"PARDON MY MURDER!"


I KNOW IT'S NOT POLITE TO POINT -- ESPECIALLY A GUN! BUT YOU MUST EXCUSE ME! THERE'S A TIME FOR EVERYTHING — AND RIGHT NOW IT'S TIME FOR KILLING! SO — EXCUSE IT, PLEASE!
AMAZING WORDS THESE, BUT THEY WERE THE ACTUAL EXPRESSION OF THE THOUGHTS OF GORDON HAMBY, WHO LIVED BY THE RULES OF THE BOOK OF ETIQUETTE, AS HE PURSUED HIS CAREER AS *THE COURTEOUS KILLER!*
CITY BANK
THIS STORY IS TRUE!*
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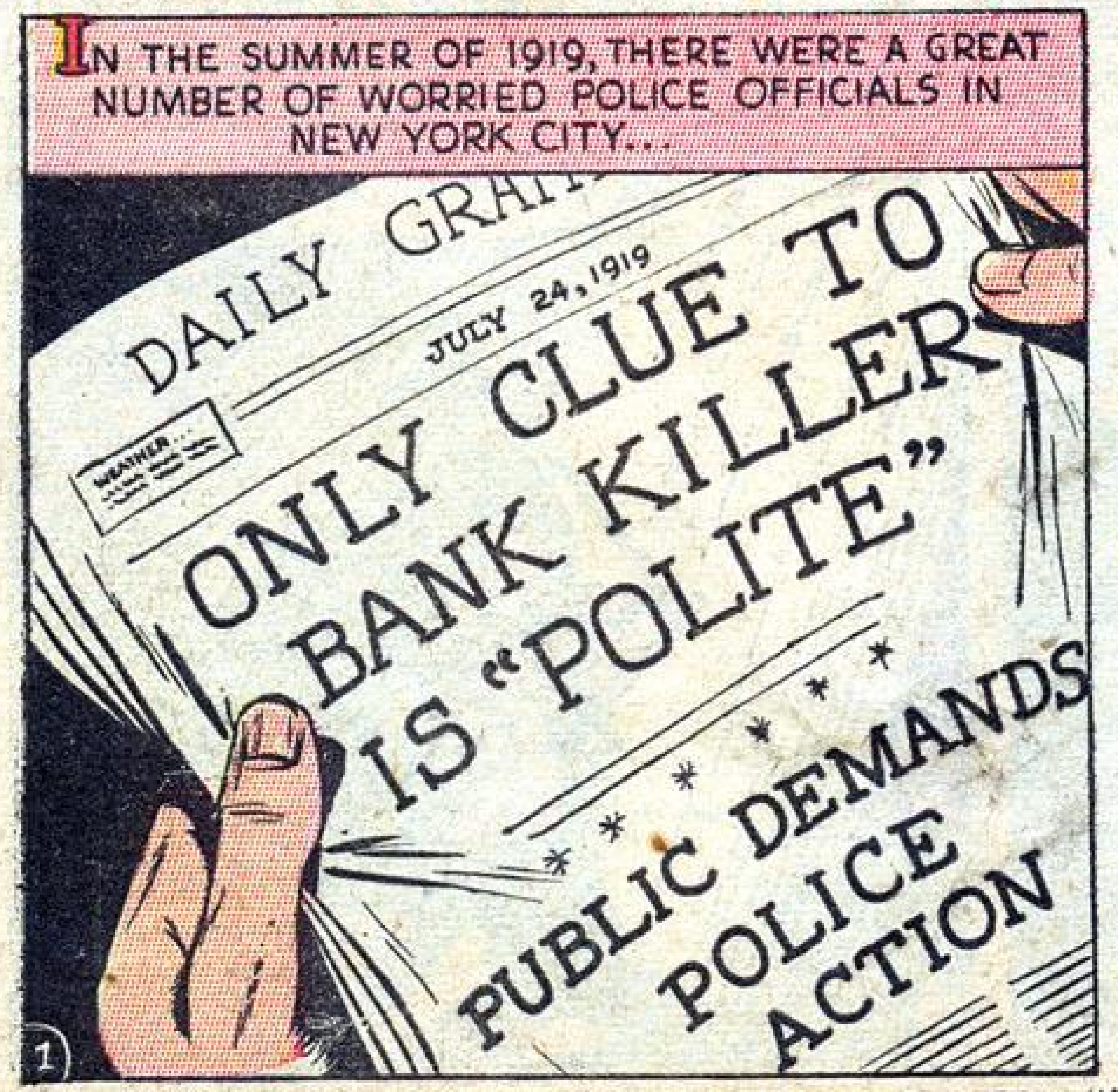
IN THE SUMMER OF 1919, THERE WERE A GREAT NUMBER OF WORRIED POLICE OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK CITY...
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WEATHER
ONLY CLUE TO BANK KILLER IS "POLITE"
PUBLIC DEMANDS POLICE ACTION
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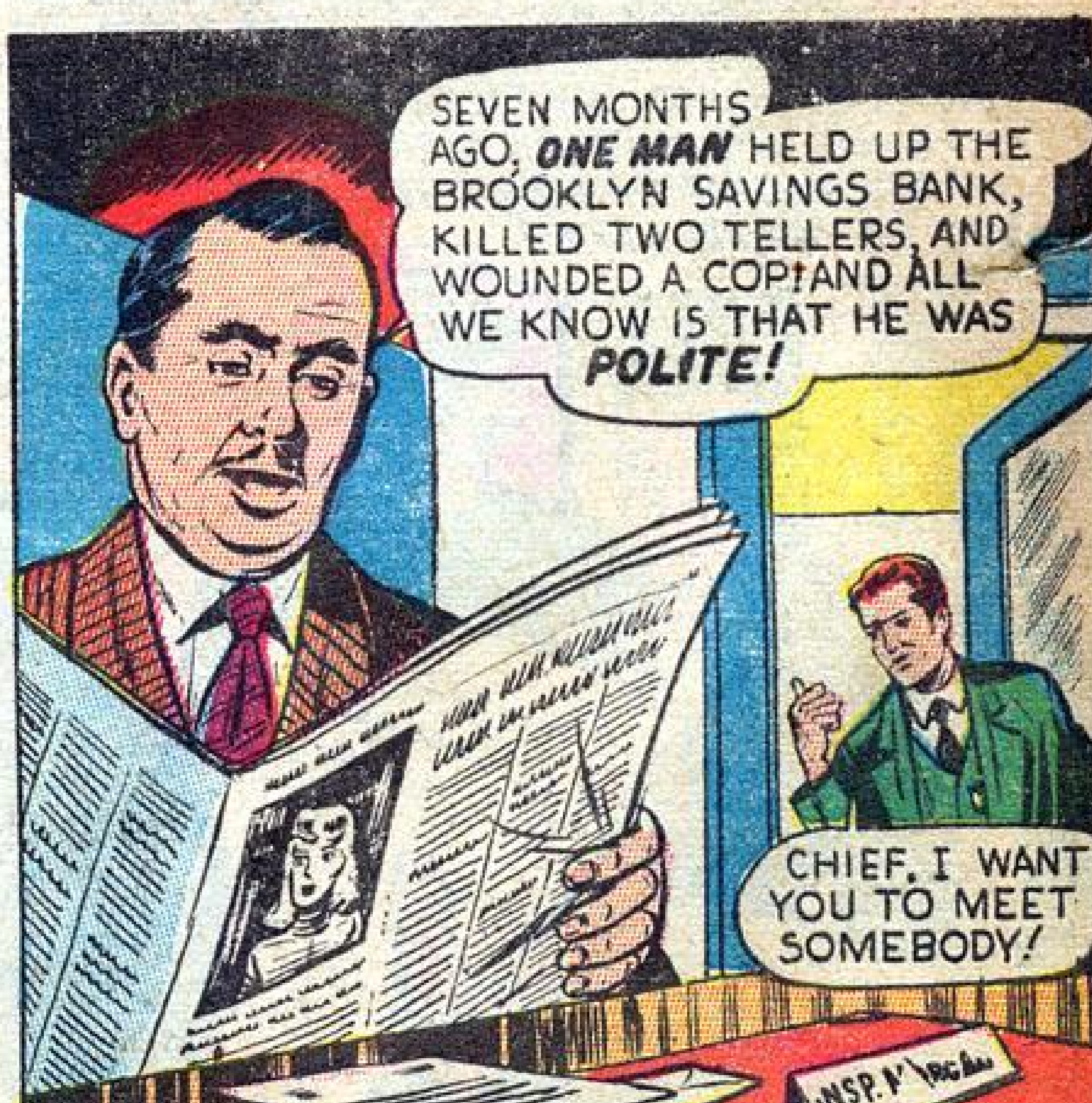
SEVEN MONTHS AGO, *ONE MAN* HELD UP THE BROOKLYN SAVINGS BANK, KILLED TWO TELLERS, AND WOUNDED A COP! AND ALL WE KNOW IS THAT HE WAS *POLITE!*
CHIEF, I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEBODY!
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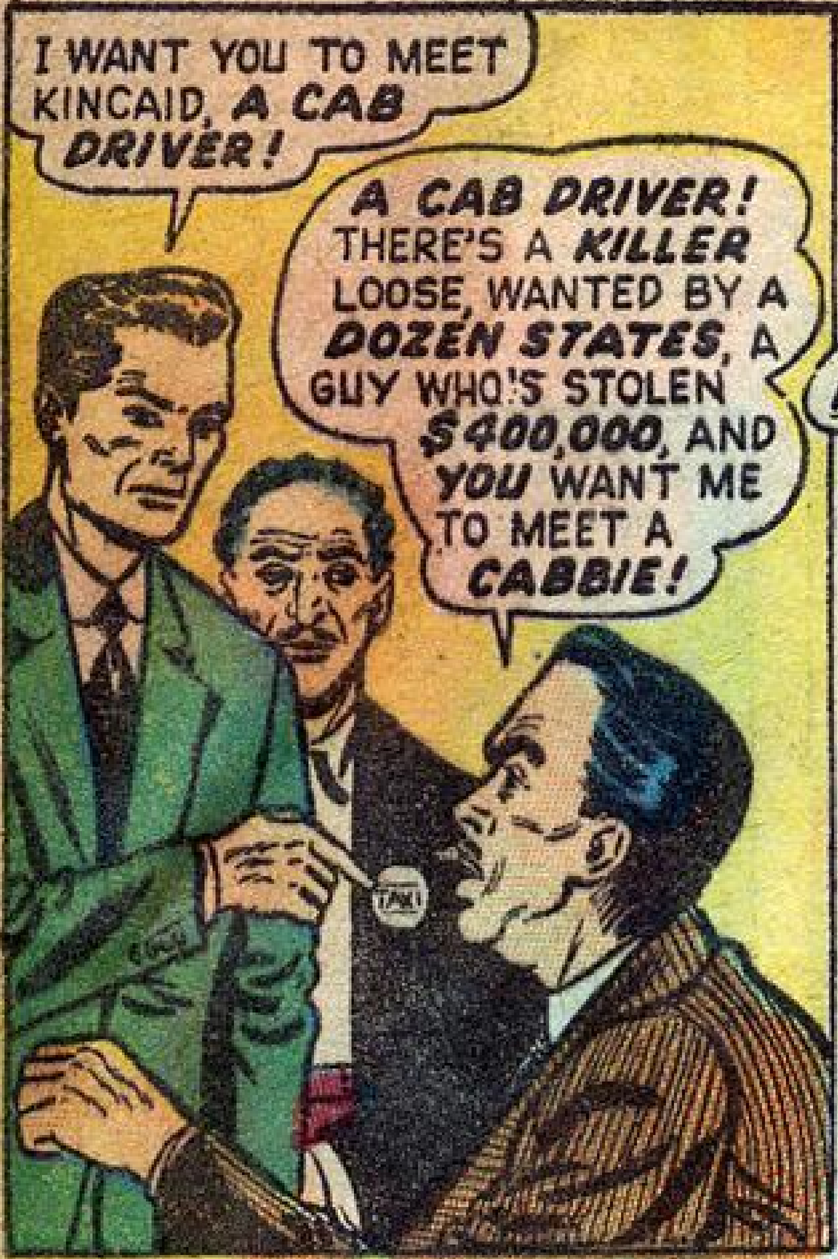
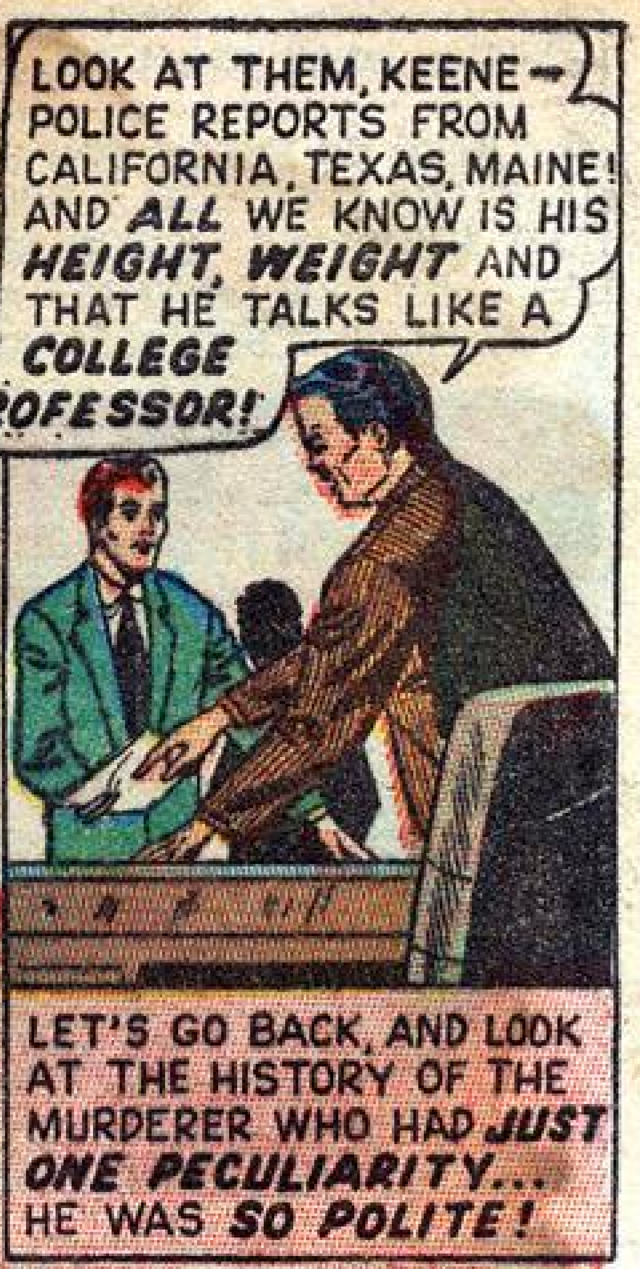
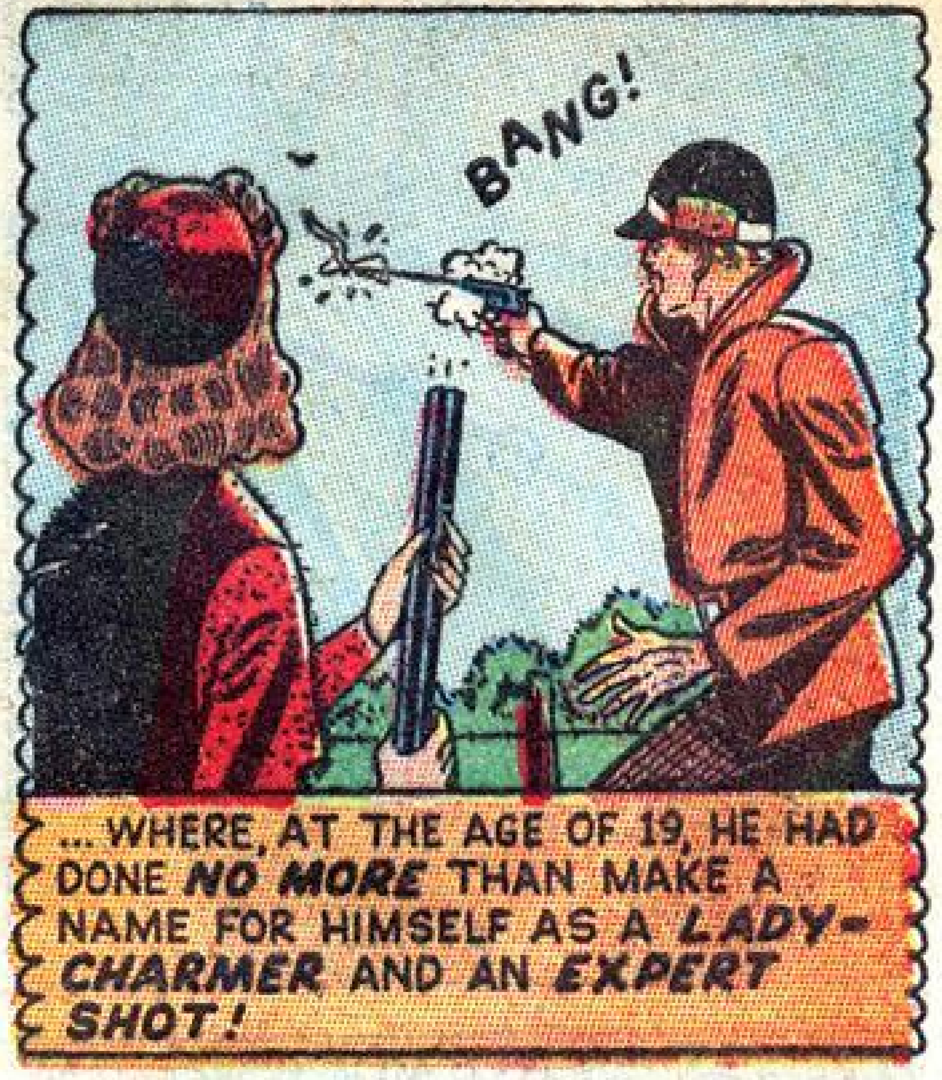
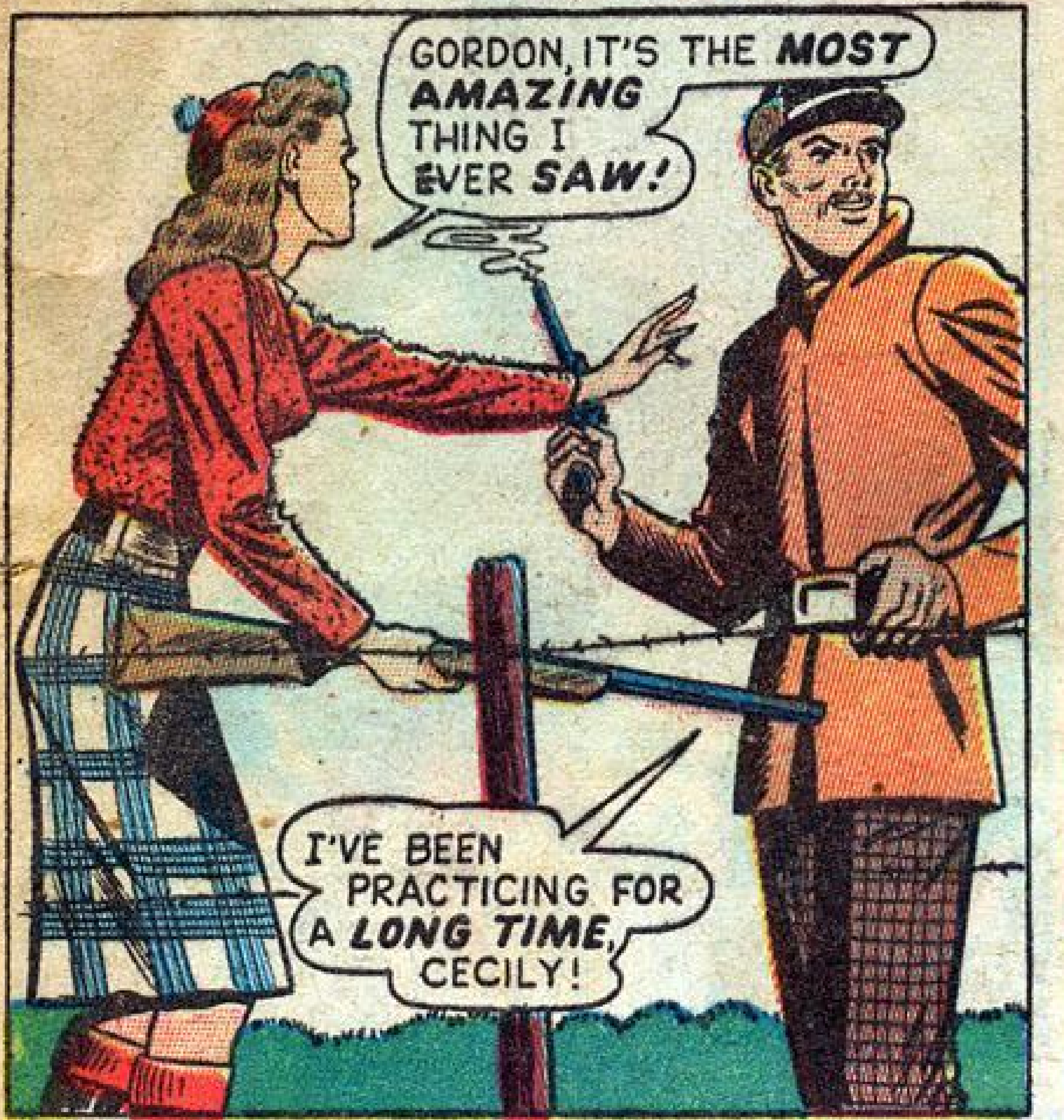
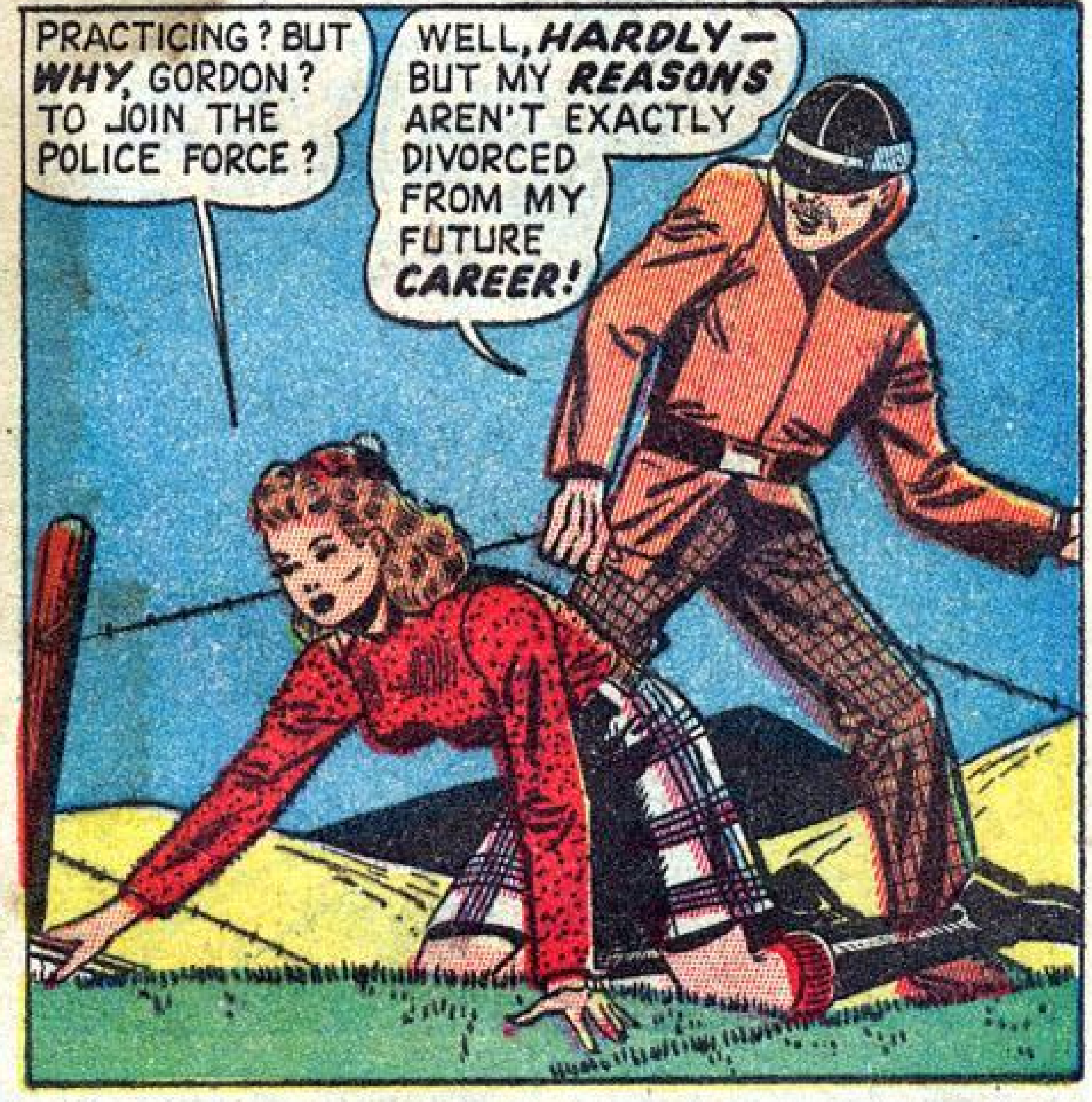

I WANT YOU TO MEET KINCAID, *A CAB DRIVER!*
A CAB DRIVER! THERE'S A *KILLER* LOOSE, WANTED BY A *DOZEN STATES*, A GUY WHO'S STOLEN *$400,000*, AND *YOU* WANT ME TO MEET A *CABBIE!*
TAXI


LOOK AT THEM, KEENE— POLICE REPORTS FROM CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, MAINE! AND *ALL* WE KNOW IS HIS *HEIGHT, WEIGHT* AND THAT HE TALKS LIKE A *COLLEGE PROFESSOR!*
LET'S GO BACK, AND LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THE MURDERER WHO HAD *JUST ONE PECULIARITY*... HE WAS *SO POLITE!*

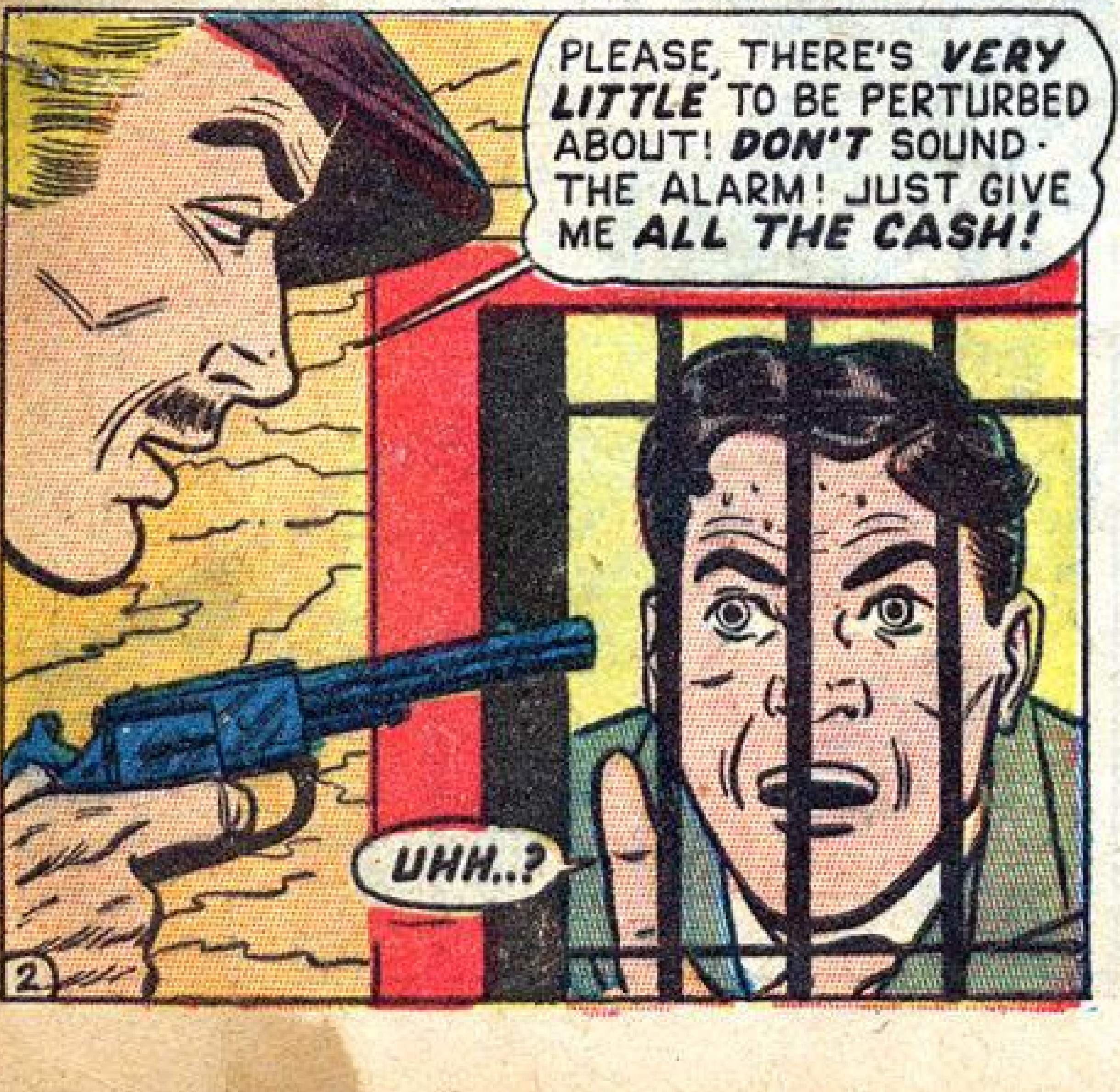
GORDON HAMBY, COURTEOUS KILLER, WAS BORN AND RAISED IN WINNIPEG, CANADA...

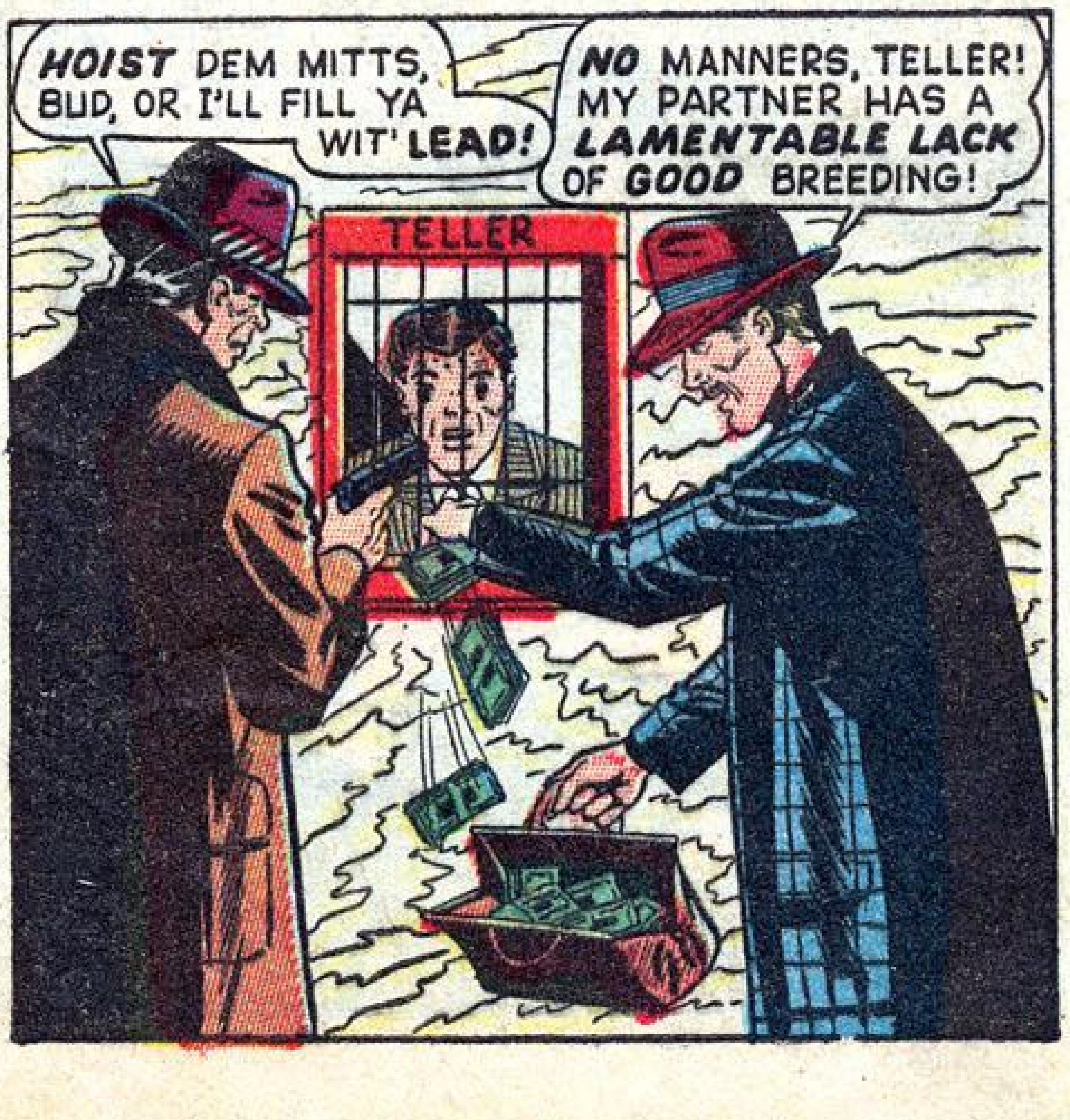

BANG!
... WHERE, AT THE AGE OF 19, HE HAD DONE *NO MORE* THAN MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF AS A *LADY-CHARMER* AND AN *EXPERT SHOT!*

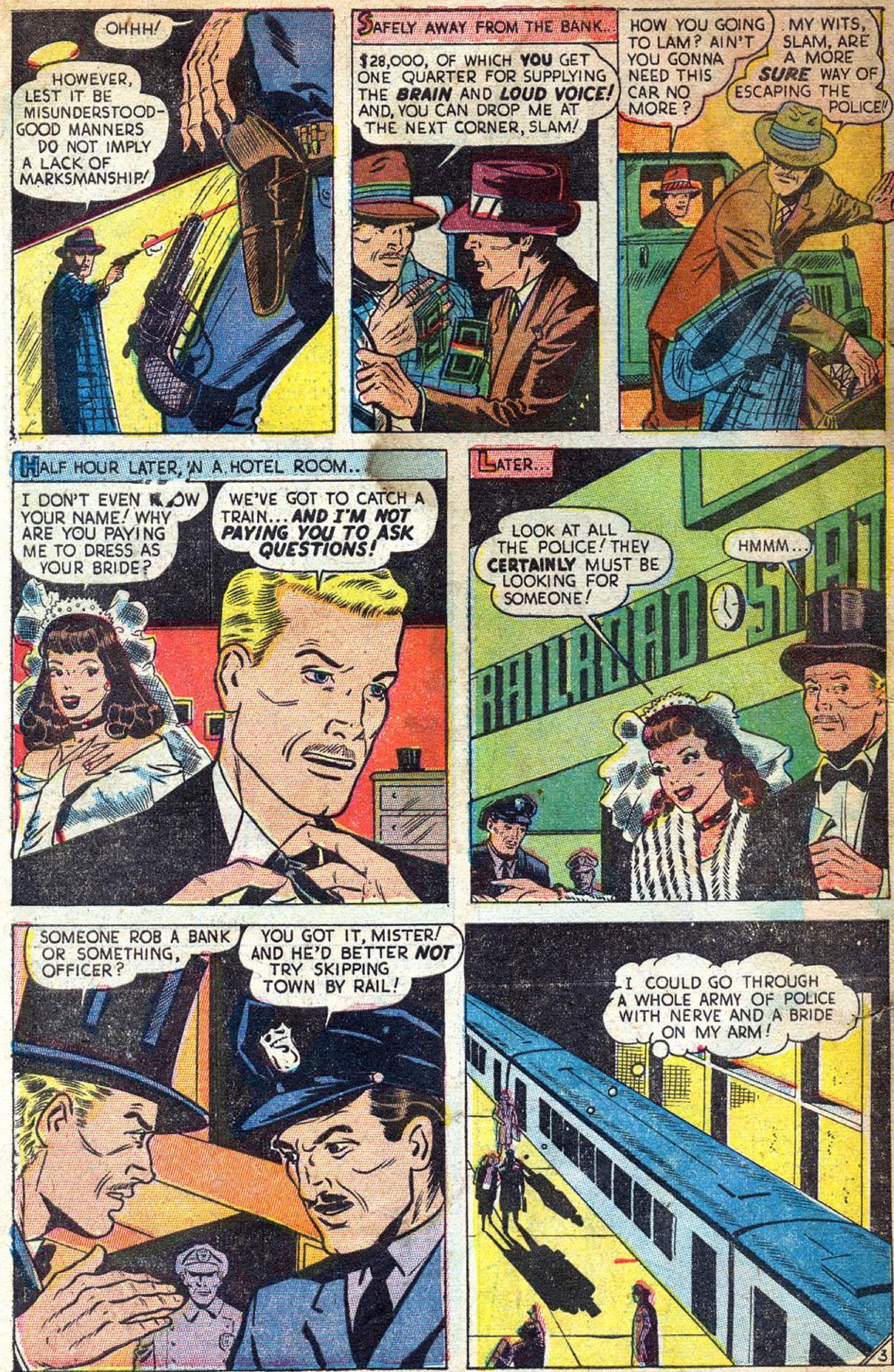

GORDON, IT'S THE *MOST AMAZING* THING I EVER *SAW!*
I'VE BEEN PRACTICING FOR A *LONG TIME*, CECILY!

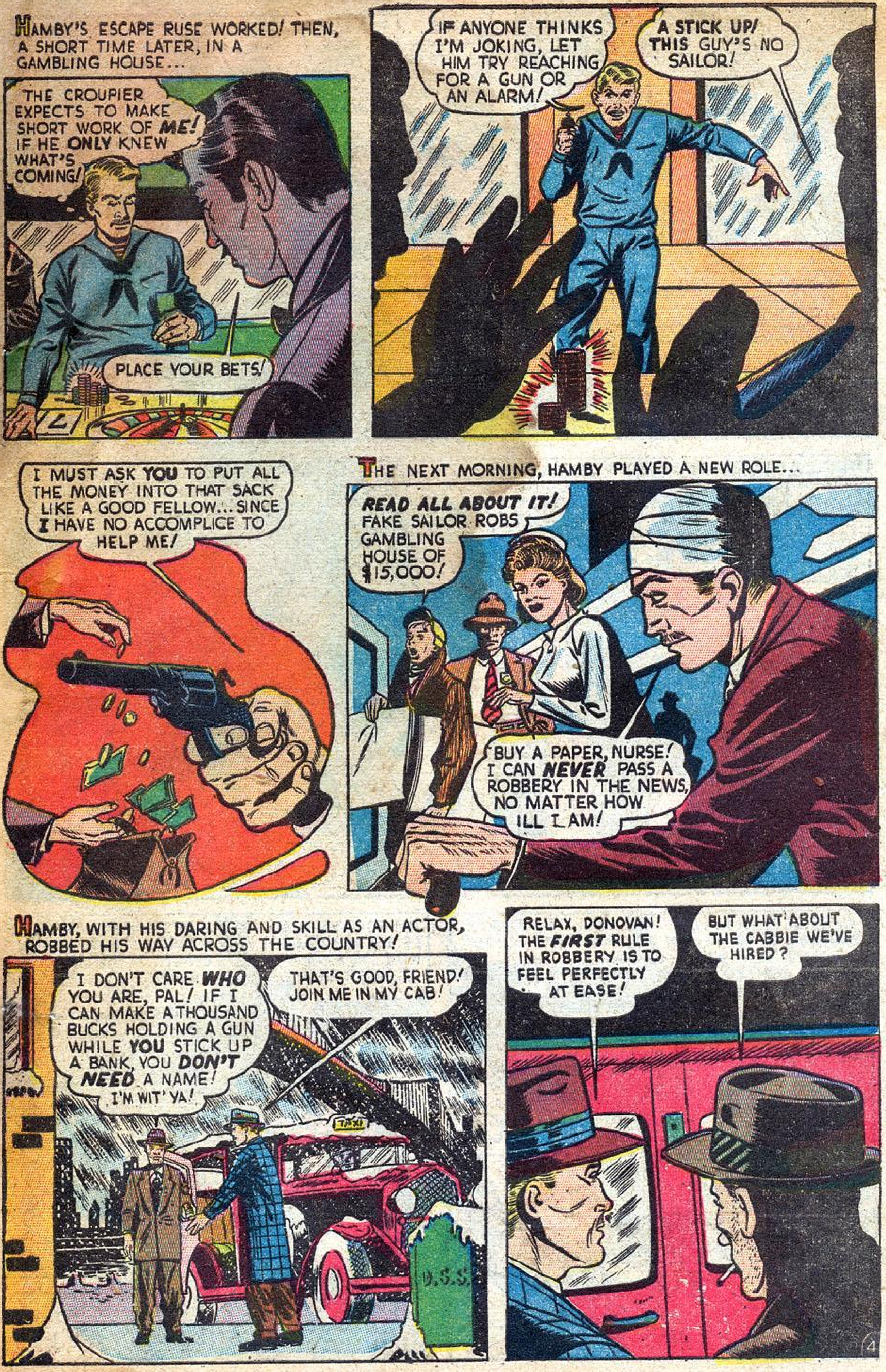

PRACTICING? BUT *WHY*, GORDON? TO JOIN THE POLICE FORCE?
WELL, *HARDLY*— BUT MY *REASONS* AREN'T EXACTLY DIVORCED FROM MY FUTURE *CAREER!*

HAMBY'S CAREER BEGAN *VERY SOON!* THAT SAME YEAR IN LOS ANGELES...


PLEASE, THERE'S *VERY LITTLE* TO BE PERTURBED ABOUT! *DON'T* SOUND THE ALARM! JUST GIVE ME *ALL THE CASH!*
UHH..?


HOIST DEM MITTS, BUD, OR I'LL FILL YA WIT' *LEAD!*
NO MANNERS, TELLER! MY PARTNER HAS A *LAMENTABLE LACK* OF *GOOD* BREEDING!
TELLER


OHHH!
HOWEVER, LEST IT BE MISUNDERSTOOD- GOOD MANNERS DO NOT IMPLY A LACK OF MARKSMANSHIP!
SAFELY AWAY FROM THE BANK..
$28,000, OF WHICH YOU GET ONE QUARTER FOR SUPPLYING THE BRAIN AND LOUD VOICE! AND, YOU CAN DROP ME AT THE NEXT CORNER, SLAM!
HOW YOU GOING TO LAM? AIN'T YOU GONNA NEED THIS CAR NO MORE?
MY WITS, SLAM, ARE A MORE SURE WAY OF ESCAPING THE POLICE!
HALF HOUR LATER, 'N A HOTEL ROOM..
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME! WHY ARE YOU PAYING ME TO DRESS AS YOUR BRIDE?
WE'VE GOT TO CATCH A TRAIN... AND I'M NOT PAYING YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS!
LATER...
LOOK AT ALL THE POLICE! THEY CERTAINLY MUST BE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE!
HMMM...
RAILROAD STAT
SOMEONE ROB A BANK OR SOMETHING, OFFICER?
YOU GOT IT, MISTER! AND HE'D BETTER NOT TRY SKIPPING TOWN BY RAIL!
I COULD GO THROUGH A WHOLE ARMY OF POLICE WITH NERVE AND A BRIDE ON MY ARM!


HAMBY'S ESCAPE RUSE WORKED! THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER, IN A GAMBLING HOUSE...
THE CROUPIER EXPECTS TO MAKE SHORT WORK OF ME! IF HE ONLY KNEW WHAT'S COMING!
PLACE YOUR BETS!
IF ANYONE THINKS I'M JOKING, LET HIM TRY REACHING FOR A GUN OR AN ALARM!
A STICK UP! THIS GUY'S NO SAILOR!
I MUST ASK YOU TO PUT ALL THE MONEY INTO THAT SACK LIKE A GOOD FELLOW... SINCE I HAVE NO ACCOMPLICE TO HELP ME!
THE NEXT MORNING, HAMBY PLAYED A NEW ROLE...
READ ALL ABOUT IT! FAKE SAILOR ROBS GAMBLING HOUSE OF $15,000!
BUY A PAPER, NURSE! I CAN NEVER PASS A ROBBERY IN THE NEWS, NO MATTER HOW ILL I AM!
HAMBY, WITH HIS DARING AND SKILL AS AN ACTOR, ROBBED HIS WAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY!
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE, PAL! IF I CAN MAKE A THOUSAND BUCKS HOLDING A GUN WHILE YOU STICK UP A BANK, YOU DON'T NEED A NAME! I'M WIT' YA!
THAT'S GOOD, FRIEND! JOIN ME IN MY CAB!
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RELAX, DONOVAN! THE FIRST RULE IN ROBBERY IS TO FEEL PERFECTLY AT EASE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CABBIE WE'VE HIRED?

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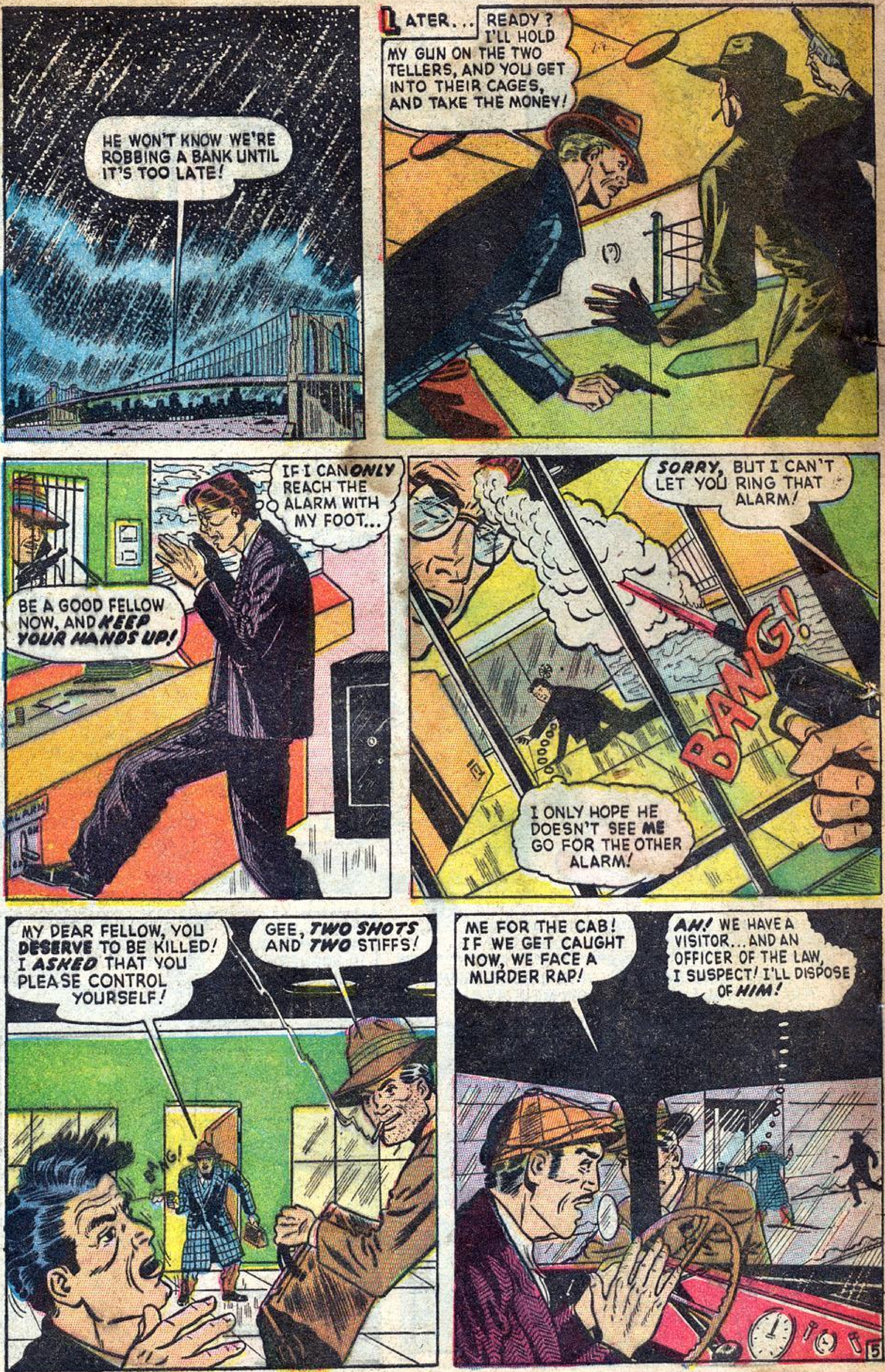
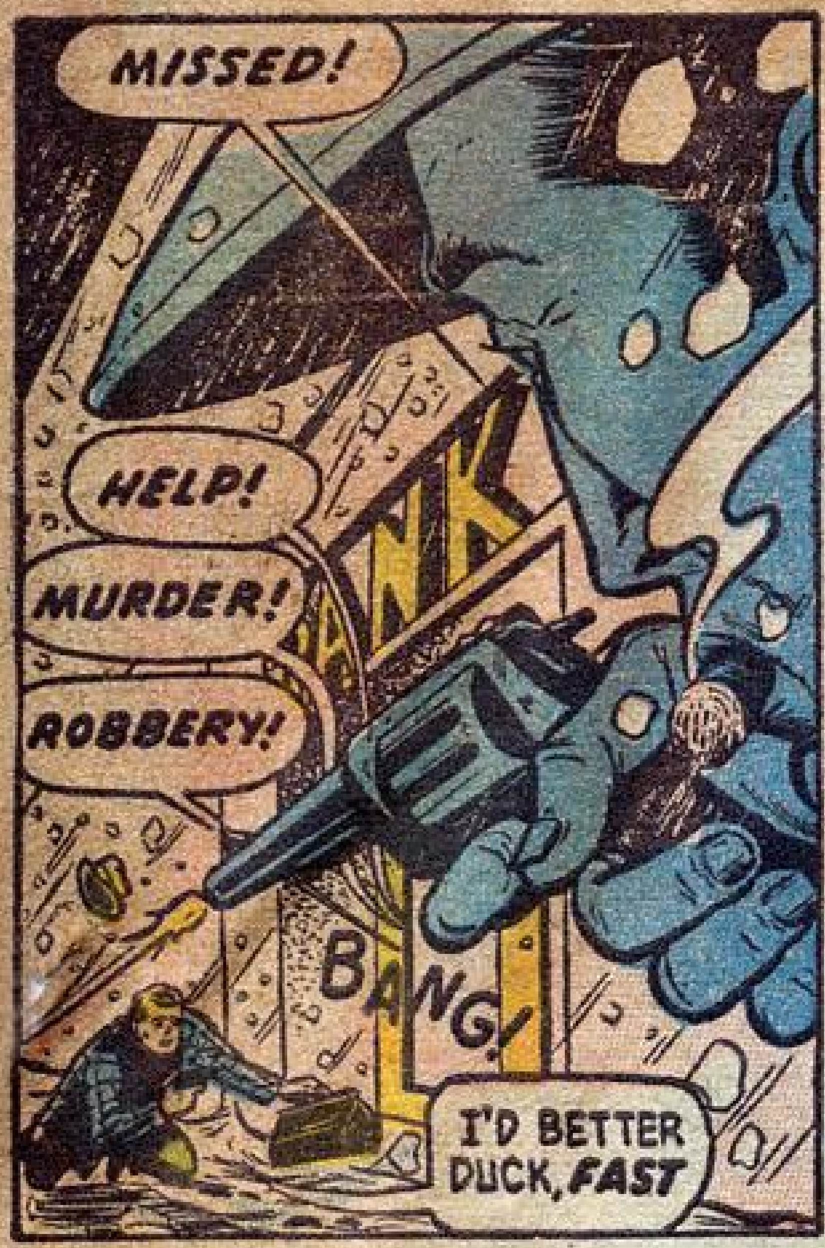
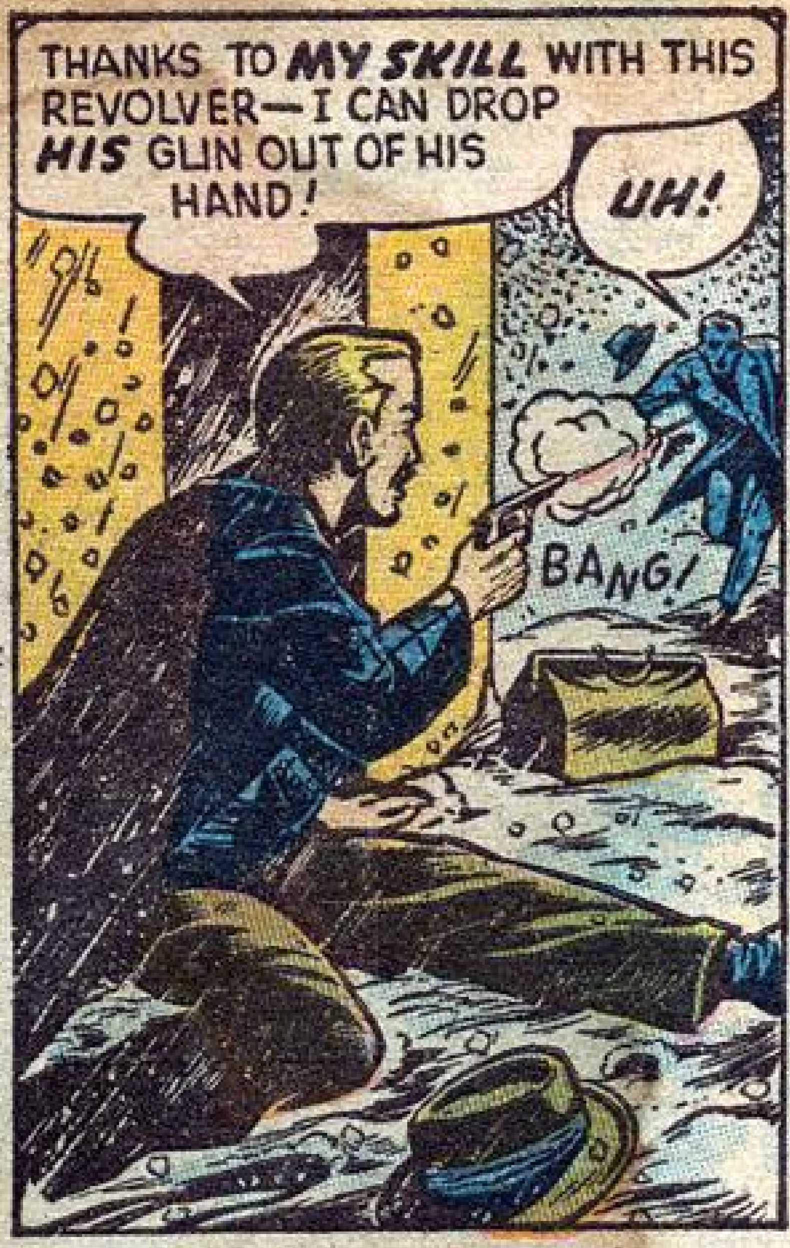
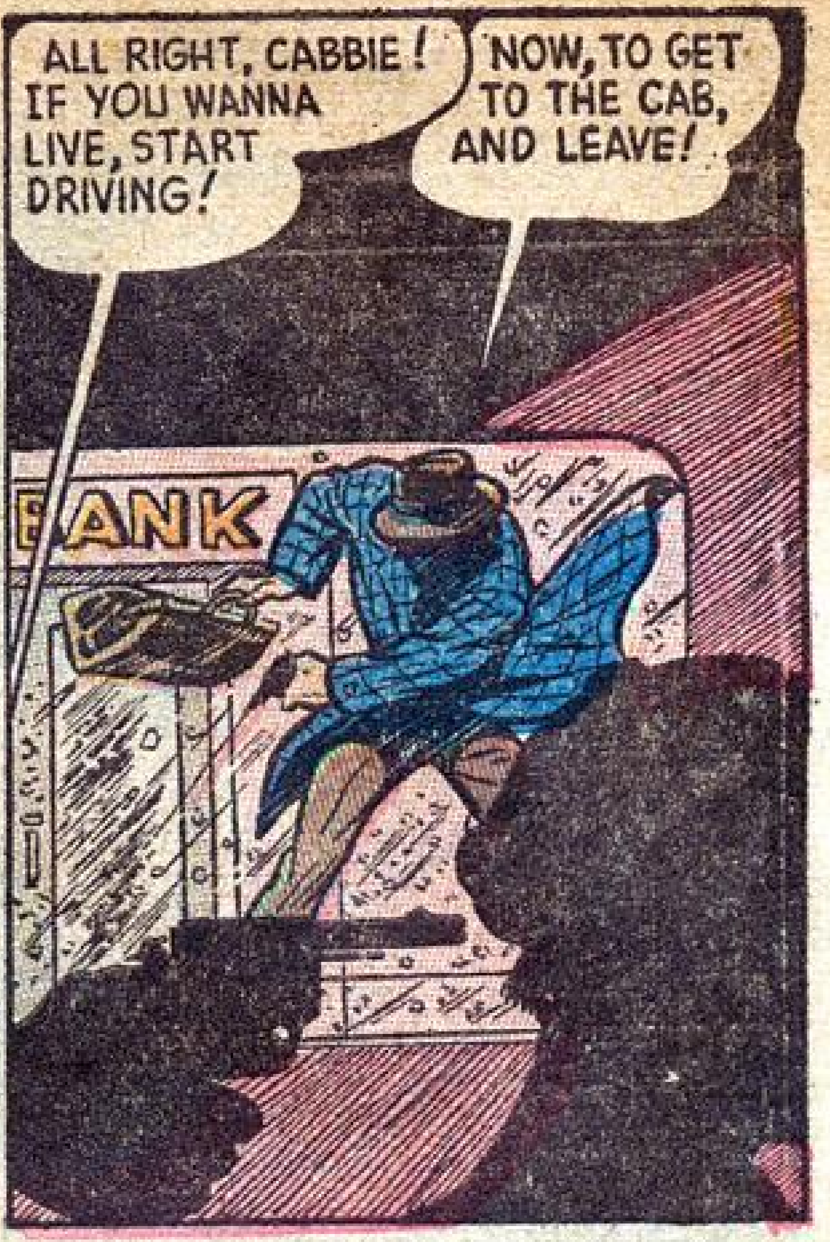
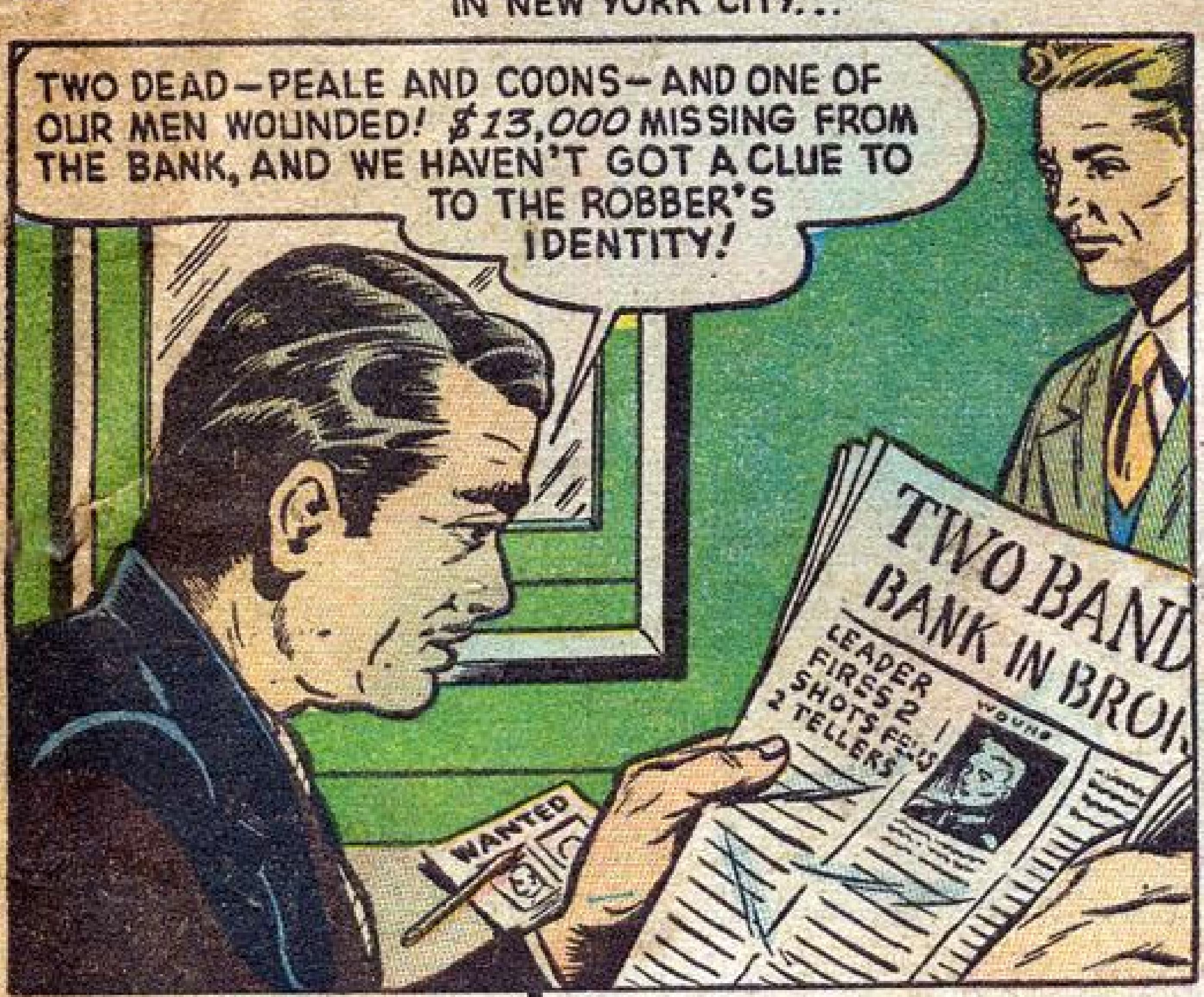

HE WON'T KNOW WE'RE ROBBING A BANK UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!
LATER...
READY? I'LL HOLD MY GUN ON THE TWO TELLERS, AND YOU GET INTO THEIR CAGES, AND TAKE THE MONEY!
IF I CAN ONLY REACH THE ALARM WITH MY FOOT...
BE A GOOD FELLOW NOW, AND KEEP YOUR HANDS UP!
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU RING THAT ALARM!
BANG!
I ONLY HOPE HE DOESN'T SEE ME GO FOR THE OTHER ALARM!
MY DEAR FELLOW, YOU DESERVE TO BE KILLED! I ASKED THAT YOU PLEASE CONTROL YOURSELF!
GEE, TWO SHOTS AND TWO STIFFS!
BANG!
ME FOR THE CAB! IF WE GET CAUGHT NOW, WE FACE A MURDER RAP!
AH! WE HAVE A VISITOR... AND AN OFFICER OF THE LAW, I SUSPECT! I'LL DISPOSE OF HIM!


MISSED!
HELP!
MURDER!
ROBBERY!
BANK
BANG!
I'D BETTER DUCK, FAST


THANKS TO MY SKILL WITH THIS REVOLVER—I CAN DROP HIS GUN OUT OF HIS HAND!
UH!
BANG!


ALL RIGHT, CABBIE! IF YOU WANNA LIVE, START DRIVING!
NOW, TO GET TO THE CAB, AND LEAVE!
BANK

THAT NIGHT, DECEMBER 13, 1919, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY...


TWO DEAD—PEALE AND COONS—AND ONE OF OUR MEN WOUNDED! $13,000 MISSING FROM THE BANK, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE TO TO THE ROBBER'S IDENTITY!
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LEADER FIRES 2 SHOTS FELL 2 TELLERS
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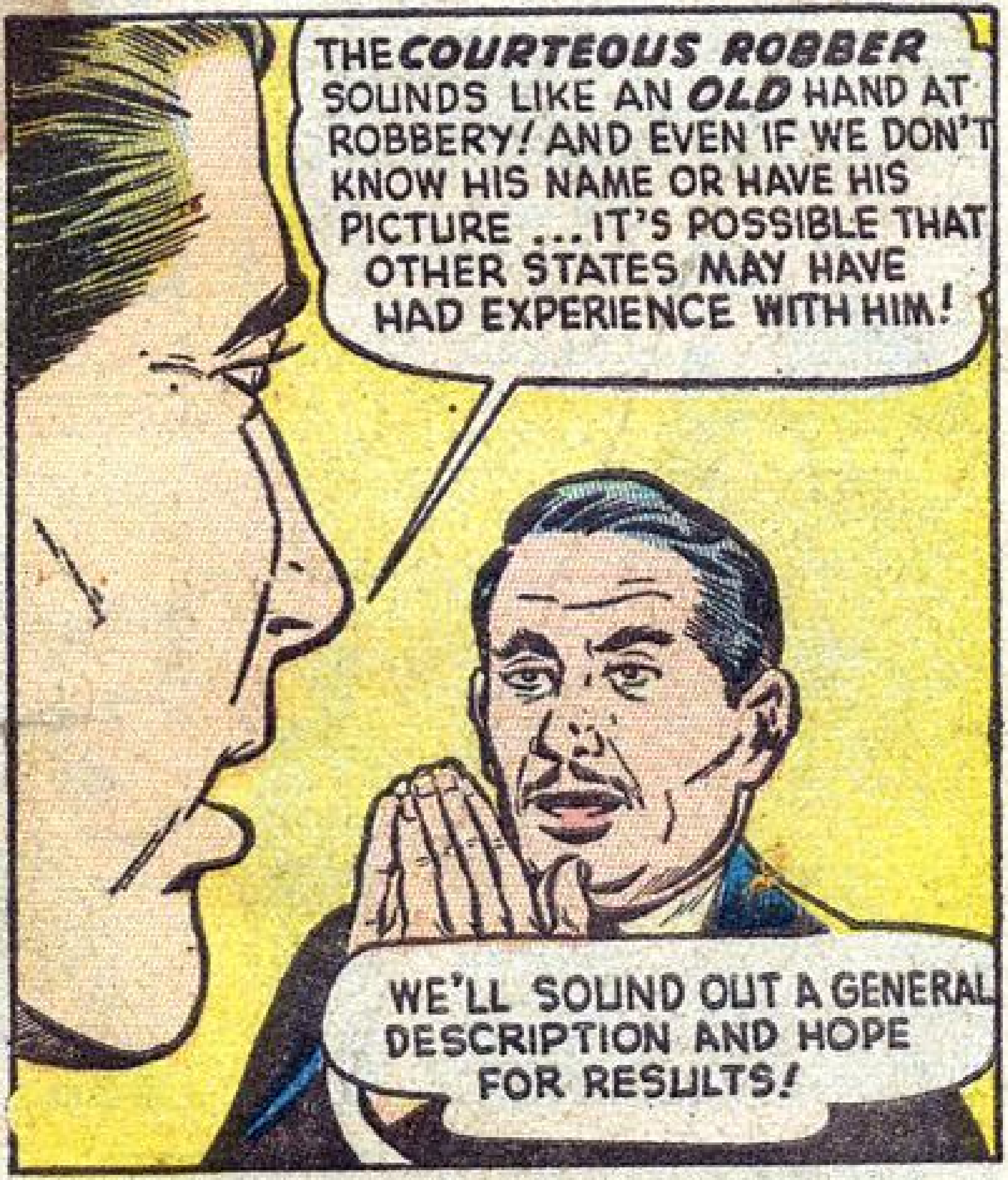
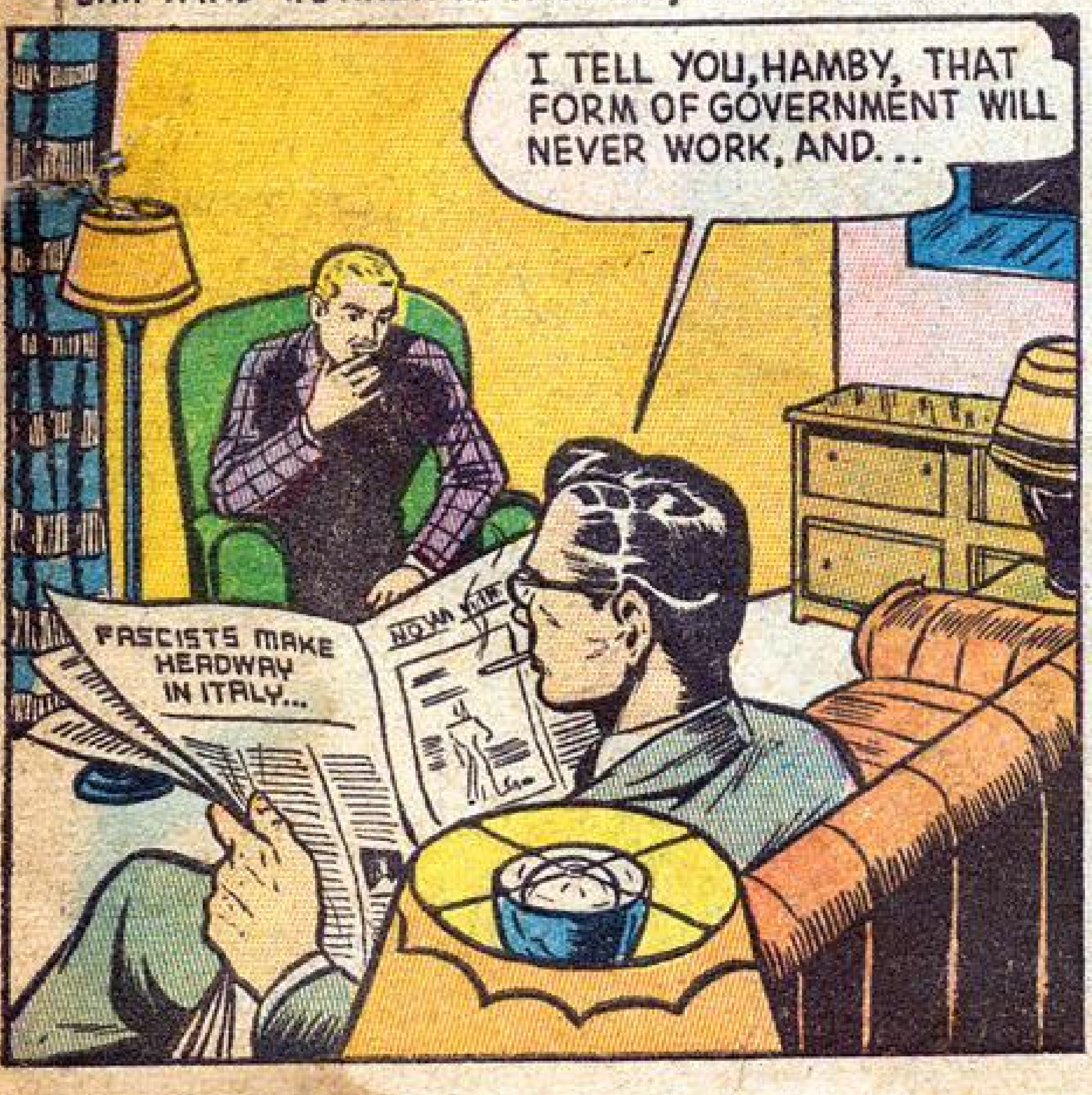
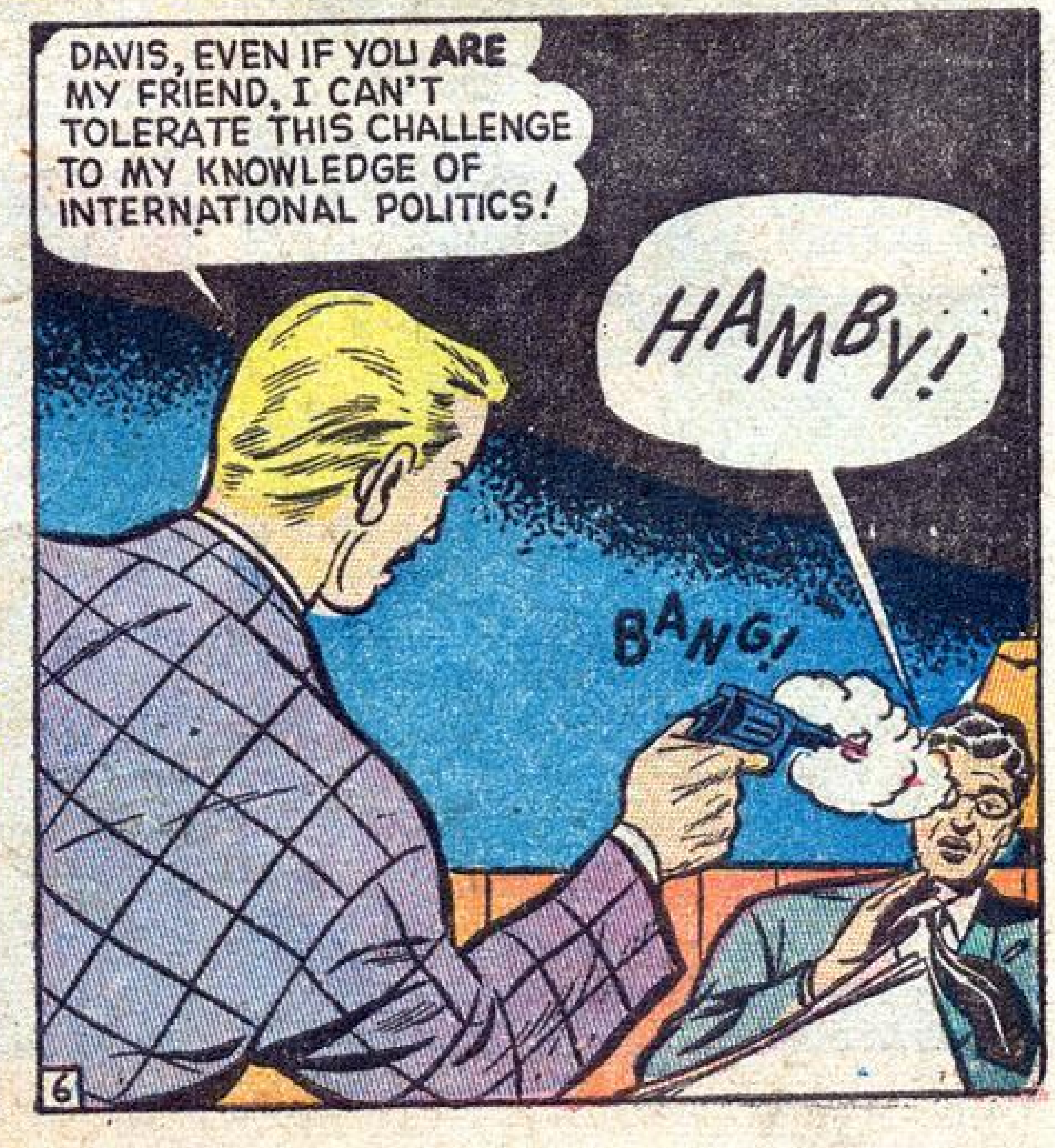
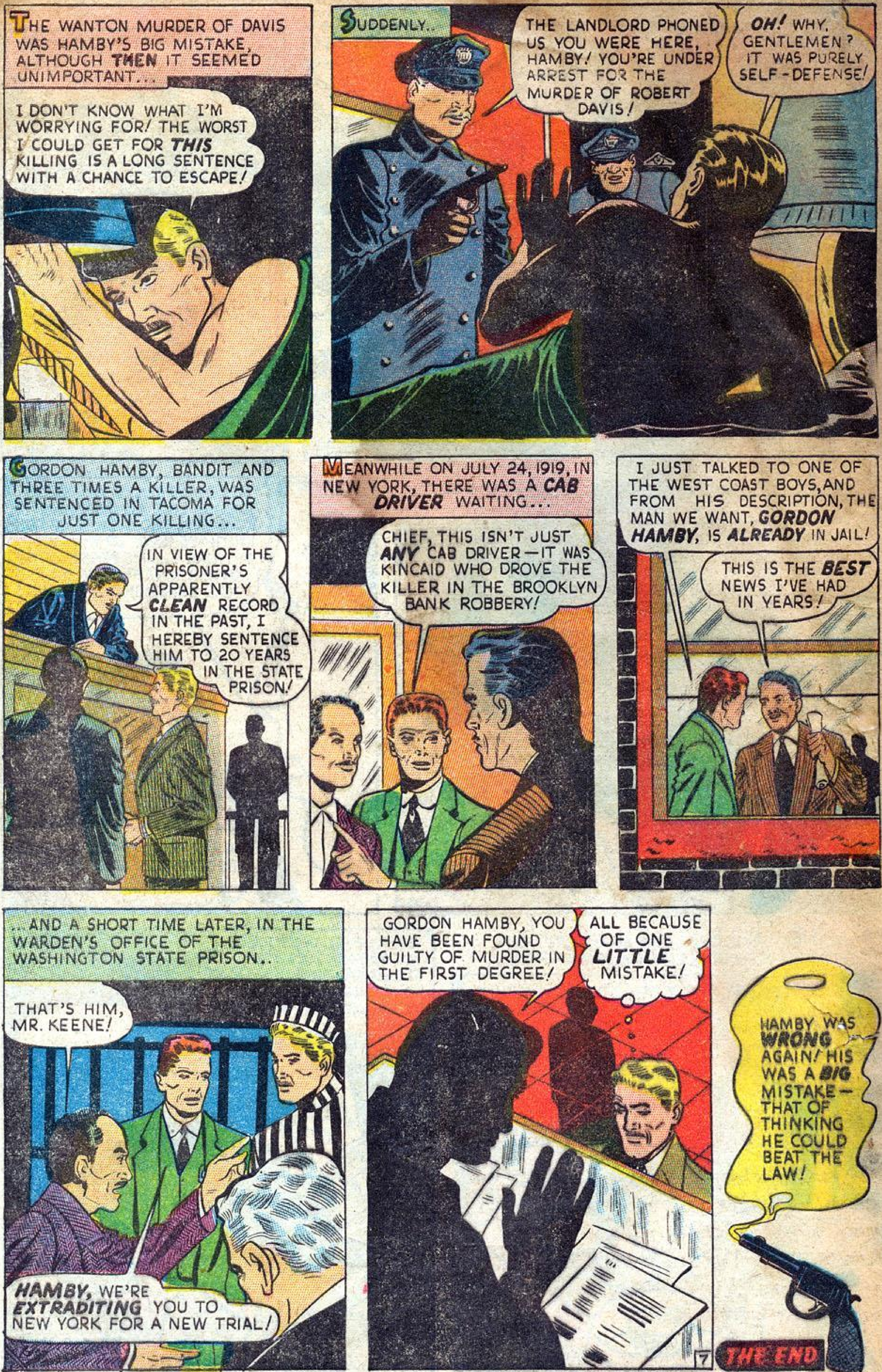

THE COURTEOUS ROBBER SOUNDS LIKE AN OLD HAND AT ROBBERY! AND EVEN IF WE DON'T KNOW HIS NAME OR HAVE HIS PICTURE ... IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OTHER STATES MAY HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH HIM!
WE'LL SOUND OUT A GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND HOPE FOR RESULTS!

MONTHS LATER, IN THE HOME OF ROBERT DAVIS, SHIPYARD WORKER IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON...


I TELL YOU, HAMBY, THAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT WILL NEVER WORK, AND...
FASCISTS MAKE HEADWAY IN ITALY...


DAVIS, EVEN IF YOU ARE MY FRIEND, I CAN'T TOLERATE THIS CHALLENGE TO MY KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS!
HAMBY!
BANG!


THE WANTON MURDER OF DAVIS WAS HAMBY'S BIG MISTAKE, ALTHOUGH THEN IT SEEMED UNIMPORTANT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M WORRYING FOR! THE WORST I COULD GET FOR THIS KILLING IS A LONG SENTENCE WITH A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
SUDDENLY..
THE LANDLORD PHONED US YOU WERE HERE, HAMBY! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR THE MURDER OF ROBERT DAVIS!
OH! WHY, GENTLEMEN? IT WAS PURELY SELF-DEFENSE!
GORDON HAMBY, BANDIT AND THREE TIMES A KILLER, WAS SENTENCED IN TACOMA FOR JUST ONE KILLING...
IN VIEW OF THE PRISONER'S APPARENTLY CLEAN RECORD IN THE PAST, I HEREBY SENTENCE HIM TO 20 YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON!
MEANWHILE ON JULY 24, 1919, IN NEW YORK, THERE WAS A CAB DRIVER WAITING...
CHIEF, THIS ISN'T JUST ANY CAB DRIVER—IT WAS KINCAID WHO DROVE THE KILLER IN THE BROOKLYN BANK ROBBERY!
I JUST TALKED TO ONE OF THE WEST COAST BOYS, AND FROM HIS DESCRIPTION, THE MAN WE WANT, GORDON HAMBY, IS ALREADY IN JAIL!
THIS IS THE BEST NEWS I'VE HAD IN YEARS!
...AND A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PRISON..
THAT'S HIM, MR. KEENE!
HAMBY, WE'RE EXTRADITING YOU TO NEW YORK FOR A NEW TRIAL!
GORDON HAMBY, YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!
ALL BECAUSE OF ONE LITTLE MISTAKE!
HAMBY WAS WRONG AGAIN! HIS WAS A BIG MISTAKE—THAT OF THINKING HE COULD BEAT THE LAW!
THE END

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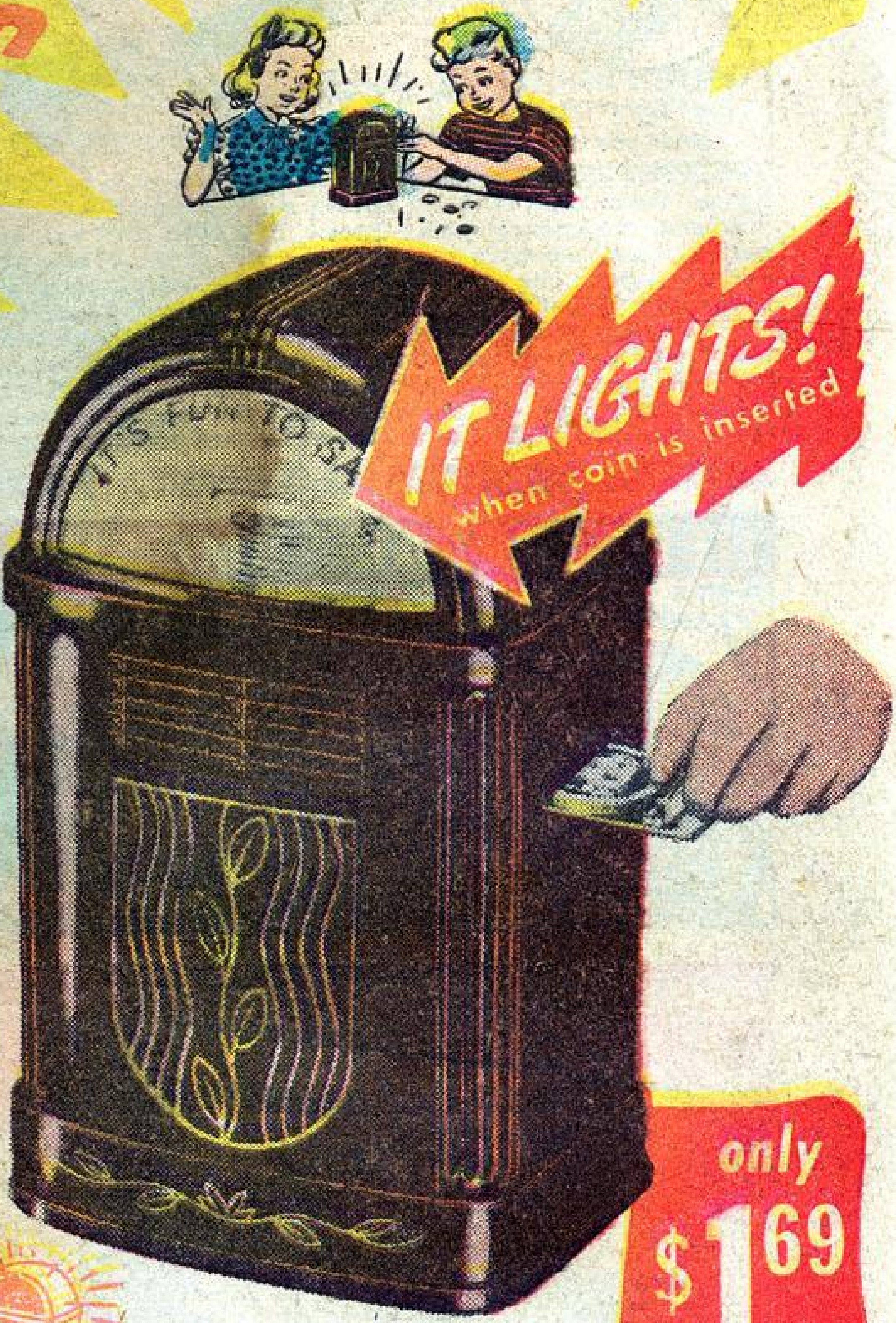

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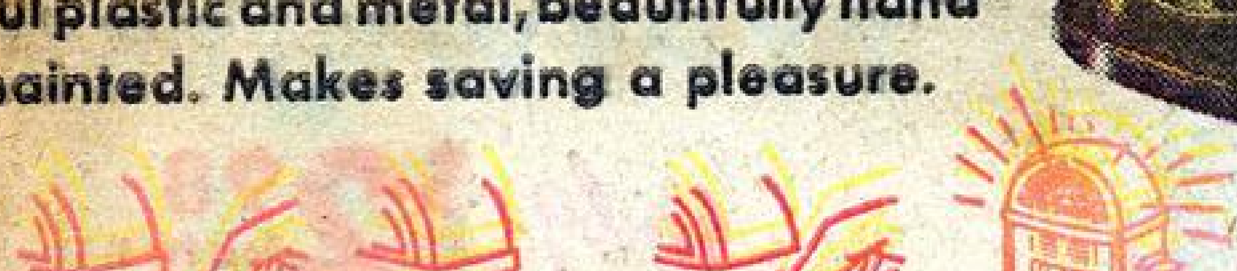

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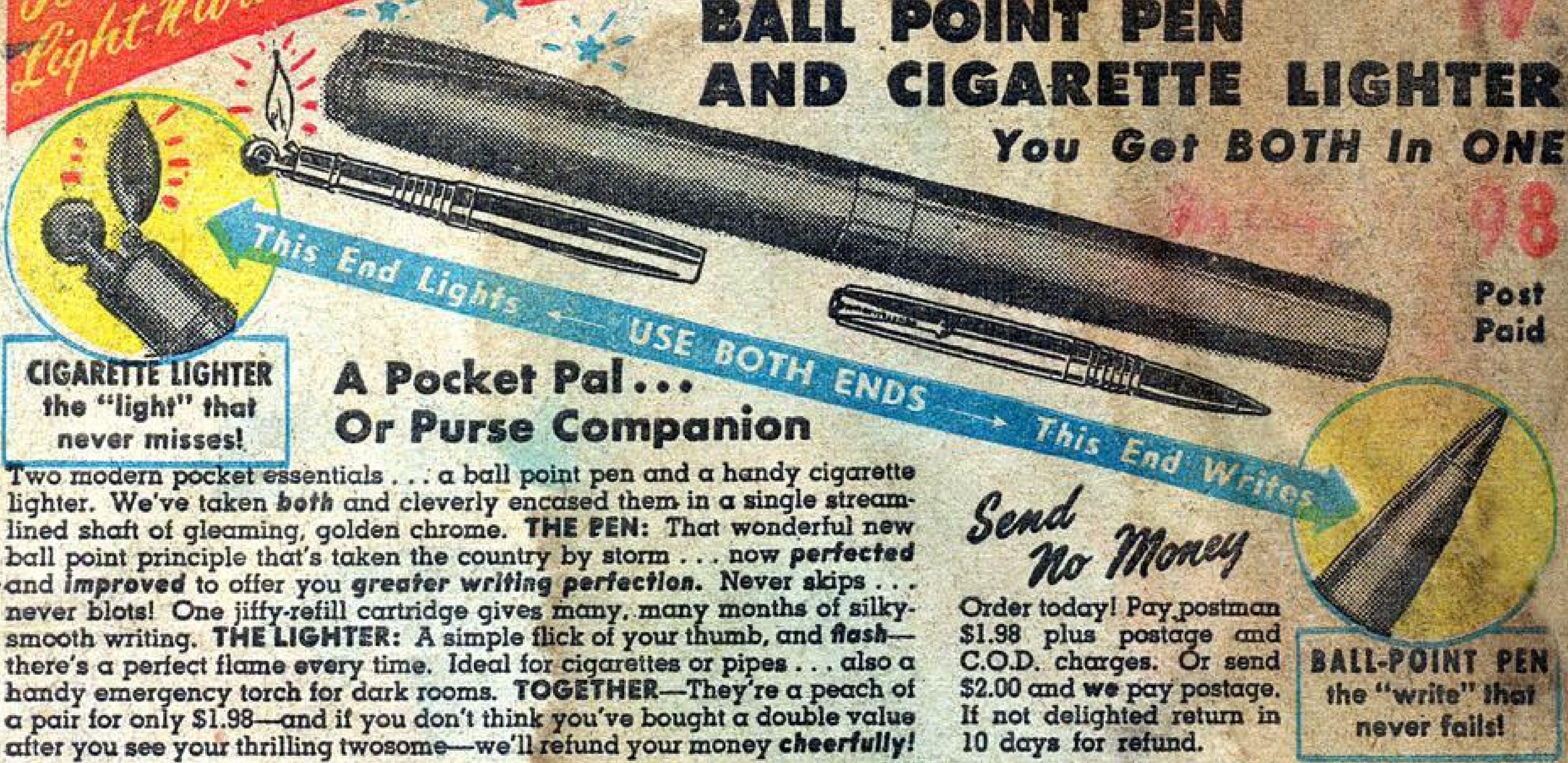
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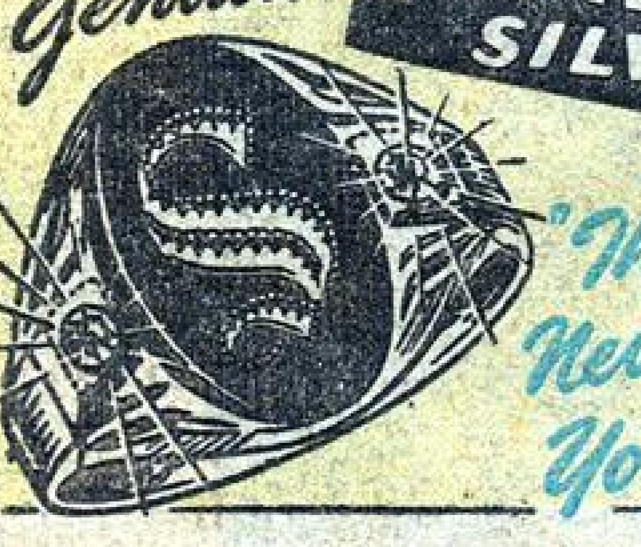

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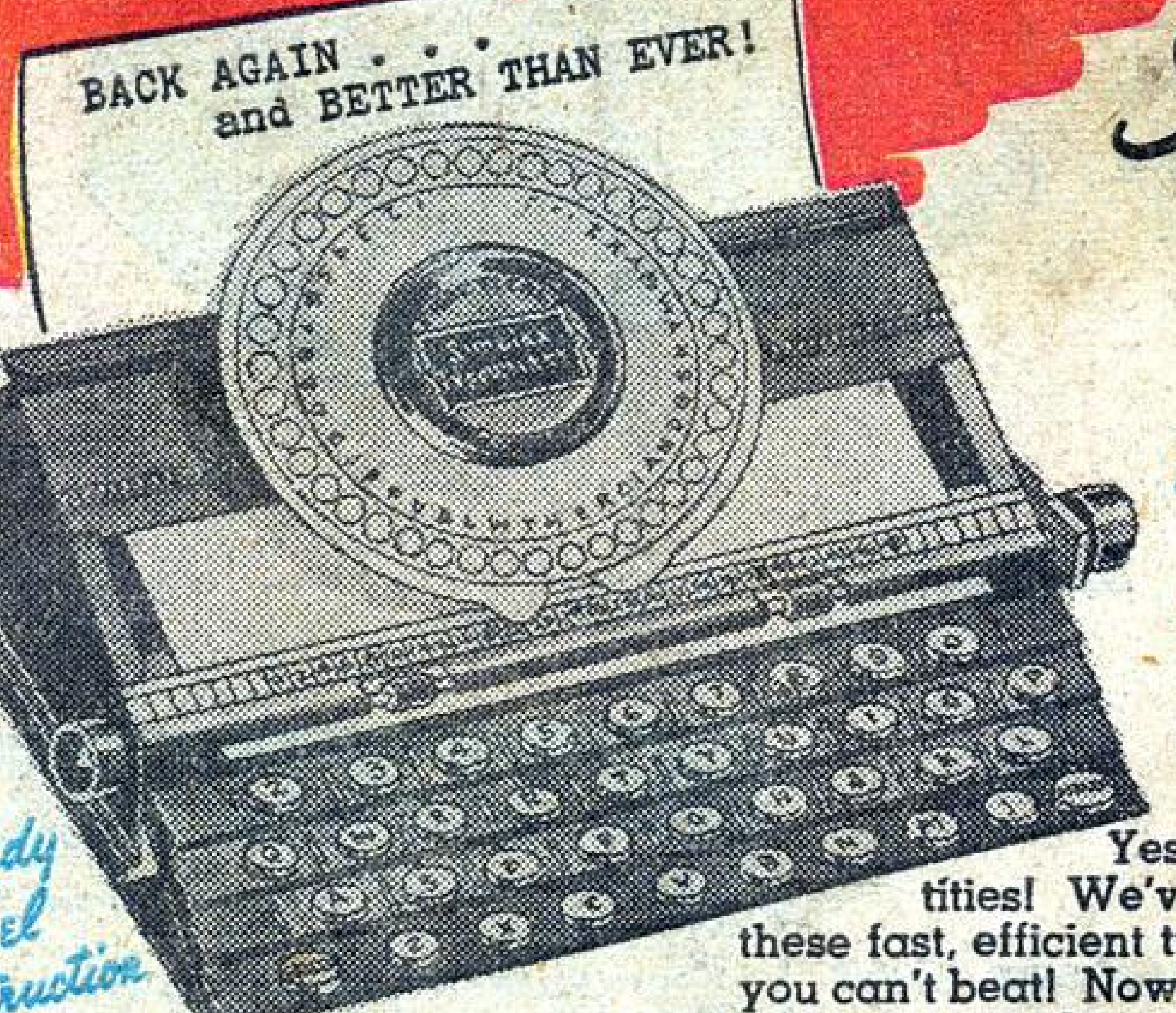
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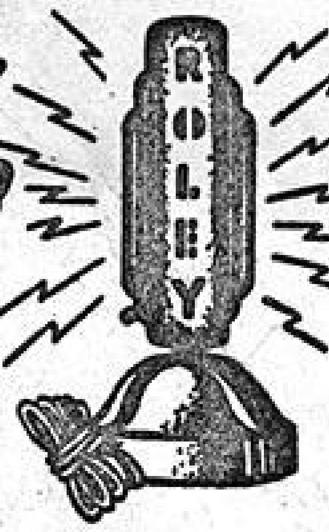

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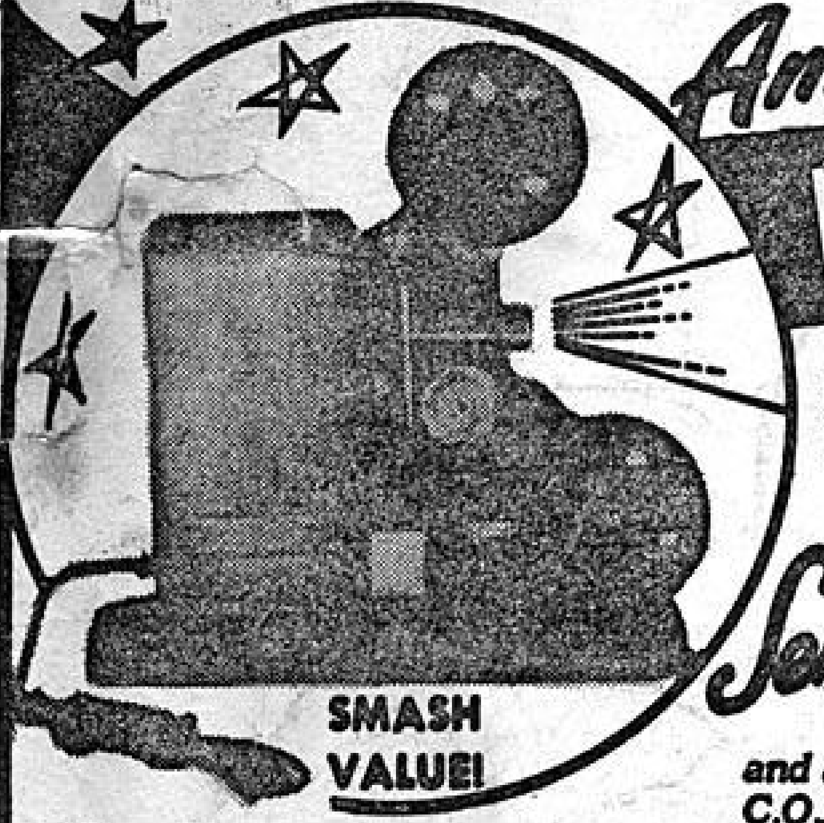

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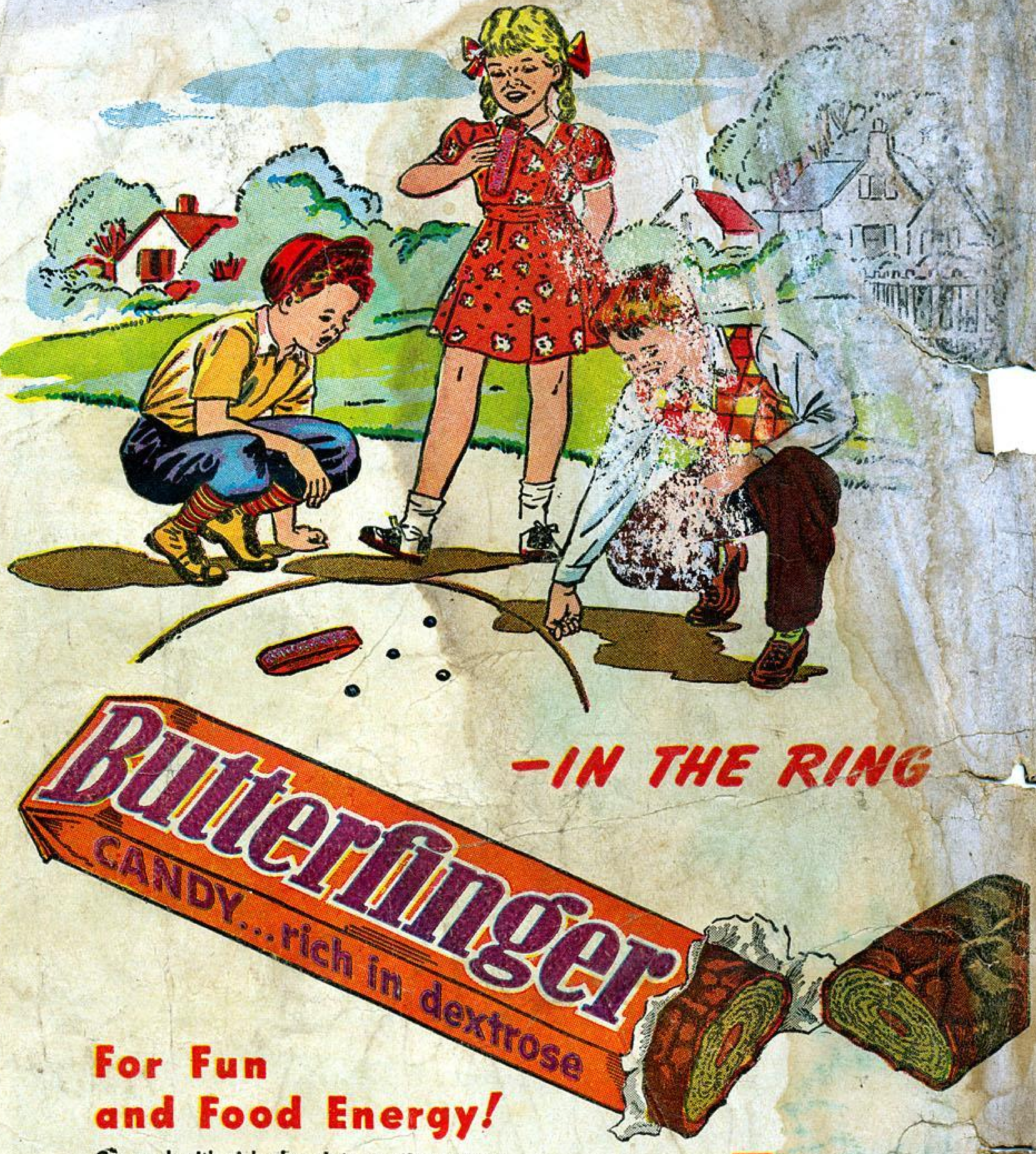
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